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IDF troops kill youth, wound nine others in Ramallah rioting

JON IMMANUEL

ONE youth was killed and up to nine people were wounded when soldiers and youths clashed in the center of Ramallah yesterday afternoon.

The IDF said soldiers opened fire during disturbances in Manara Square, which began when "an IDF force was attacked during an operational action."

Palestinian sources said undercover soldiers tried to make an arrest and opened fire while doing so. Youths then began throwing stones and soldiers opened fire at stonethrowers, hitting passersby. The square was crowded with shoppers at the time.

A curfew was imposed on Ramallah after the clash, the most serious in the city since Palestinian self-rule began in Gaza and Jericho in May.



PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, Norwegian Foreign Minister Bjorn Gode, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres speak to reporters in Gaza City on Friday after holding a meeting to mark the first year since the signing of the Oslo accords. (Brian Hendler)

Arafat blames Israel for delay in changing PNC covenant

JON IMMANUEL

PLO leader Yasser Arafat blamed Israel Friday for his failure to convene the Palestinian National Council to make changes in the PLO Covenant. But Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel would not prevent PNC members from entering Gaza to attend such a meeting.

Speaking at a press conference in Gaza after meeting Peres and Norwegian Foreign Minister Bjorn Gode, Arafat said the PNC had not yet convened because "Many of our leaders have been prevented from arriving in Gaza or Jericho. There are still security blankets on the other side."

Peres interjected, however, saying, "I told the chairman we shall not object to have the PNC meet in Gaza and invite all its members to come and participate in the meeting."

Arafat then said he could not guarantee that the PNC would change the clauses in its covenant calling for Israel's destruction. The PNC is obligated to do this under the terms of the Oslo accords.

"I haven't the right to [guarantee] it. You have to respect our democracy. This is the business of the members of the PNC," he said.

Peres appeared disturbed by Arafat's negative approach.

Peres's visit was the first by an Israeli minister to Gaza City since the signing of the accords. Peres, who flew in by helicopter, was accompanied by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and the government coordinator in the territories Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothchild.

Peres agreed that instead of waiting until the PLO establishes a taxation system, Israel

might transfer authority in Judea and Samaria for at least one of the other spheres of "early empowerment" - probably education - by the end of the month. Palestinians are also to eventually take charge of health, tourism and social welfare.

Peres said he received a memorandum from Palestinian Authority Minister Saeb Erekat concerning elections to a Palestinian administrative council throughout the territories, which are currently scheduled for December 15. Palestinian ministers Nabil Shaath and Yasser Abed-Rabbo also participated.

Funding remained the chief issue of the talks. Arafat opened his remarks to reporters by asking Gode to "push forward for donations to arrive very soon."

Gode, who is on his first visit here, noted that "I am aware throughout my visit today that peace and changes in everyday life are two different things" and promised to press other countries to release funds.

Arafat underscored the importance of donations by leaving yesterday for Cairo on what was expected to be the first leg of a tour of foreign capitals in search of new funds to get Palestinian self-rule off the ground.

Peres, referring to Hamas attacks on Israelis in Gaza, told the news conference: "In our talks today I believe all of us see eye-to-eye, not only to have good relations but not to have terror or terrorists trying to poison or endanger the great effort, which is necessary to improve the economic situation and guarantee the life

and movement of all people."

Arafat said, "the issue is very sensitive, and we hope to be able to stop extremists from both sides, so we can overcome obstacles in the path of peace."

Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu told Channel One he doubted that the PLO had any intention of changing the 1968 Palestinian National Covenant.

"Not only did they not amend the charter," he said, "but all the PLO leaders - Arafat, Abed-Rabbo, Khatoum - the moment they set foot in Gaza, declare that the purpose remains to destroy Israel."

Palestinian observers note that under Article 33 of the covenant, an amendment to the council's 480 members, not just two-thirds of a quorum, and the chances of convening the full council in Gaza are almost nil. Even if it could be convened, it is doubtful whether the PLO could muster the two-thirds majority to amend the charter.

PNC member Tawfik Abu Bakr, who returned from exile in Jordan two weeks ago, told the daily Al-Quds that he expected 25% of the current members would boycott such a meeting. He also said, however, that the council's term ends this month. Its term could be extended or its membership changed, he said.

PNC members are selected by consensus among the various Palestinian factions. It is unlikely that changing the members would increase support for changing the covenant, especially as Hamas might press for inclusion as a condition for cooperating with the PLO, Palestinian sources said.

Gaza police chief: We won't confront Hamas

THE Palestinian police will not take up arms against Hamas, but will instead use persuasion to stop it, the Palestinian police chief said yesterday.

Gaza Police Commander Maj.-Gen. Ghazi Jabali also said Israel was partly to blame for attacks in which five Israelis were killed in Gaza since the Palestinian autonomy began in May, by allowing 5,000 settlers to remain in the Gaza Strip.

Jabali told Israel Radio that the Palestinian police did not want to risk civil war by directly confronting Hamas. Instead, the Palestinian Authority would persuade Hamas to act within the guidelines of the peace agreement, he said.

"You're trying to trip up the Palestinian authority," Jabali told his interviewers. "And you're making a big mistake regarding the settlers. Peace is greater than five houses here or there; their scattering makes defending them impossible."

Sufian Abu Zaide, the Palestinian official in charge of liaising with Israel, suggested that Israeli armed attacks on Hamas figures elsewhere could also explain the terror attacks, noting that attacks on Israelis usually came after Palestinians were killed.

"Not that I'm justifying the [Hamas] attacks, but I simply want to say Hamas tries to be disciplined," he told Israel Radio.

Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir said the Palestinians would have to work harder to restrain the Hamas. "The PLO will have to take the steps it committed to in the agreement... and stop the Hamas," he told Army Radio.

Nonetheless, Savir said Israel had "no intention of punishing" the PLO.

The Palestinian comments came just days after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said continued attacks could risk public support for the peace process.

Double Nobel Prize winner Linus Pauling dies at 93

PALO ALTO, Ca. (Reuter) - Dr. Linus Pauling, who won the Nobel Peace Prize and a Nobel Prize for chemistry, died yesterday at his ranch home. He was 93.

"Linus Pauling died early [yesterday] at his ranch on the coast of California near Big Sur," said Steve Lawson, chief executive officer of the Pauling Institute.

Pauling had the distinction of being one of the most revered and honored scientists of this century.

The only man ever to win two unshared Nobel Prizes in different fields and the recipient of dozens of other honors, Pauling was once ranked by the British journal *New Scientist* alongside Isaac Newton, Marie Curie and Albert Einstein as one of the 20 most important scientists of all time.

His pioneering work in chemistry in the 1920s and 1930s on the structure of molecules established him as a giant of contemporary science.

In the 1950s and 1960s, he was at the forefront of a campaign against nuclear tests and was given some of the credit for the ban on detonating nuclear devices in the atmosphere.

But he was also the target of derision from his scientific colleagues for his tireless promotion of the health benefits of vitamin C.

Pauling's 1970 book "Vitamin C and the Common Cold" set out his theory that large doses of the vitamin can help prevent or treat illness. He later raised the stakes - and the temperature of the debate - by suggesting that it was beneficial for just about any ailment, including cancer and AIDS.

But most independent tests failed to support his claims. The



Linus Pauling. (AP)

Despite ban, Cubans still take to boats

News agencies

HAVANA - Cuba protested yesterday over President Clinton's move to turn Cuban rafters away from the United States and send them to a US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Havana accused Washington of planning a "concentration camp."

Despite Clinton's announcement Friday, aimed at stemming a tide of Cubans leaving the island by sea for southern Florida, people continued to set out in their flimsy vessels yesterday.

A Foreign Ministry statement said Cuba strongly rejected the US plan to use Guantanamo, on Cuba's southeast tip, as a concentration camp for the illegal emigrants. Clinton moved yesterday to further isolate Fidel Castro's communist regime through new sanctions.

Clinton banned cash payments by Cuban-Americans to relatives in Cuba, a step that could deny the financially strapped country an important source of hard currency. In addition, Clinton said gifts to family members in Cuba would be limited to medicine, food and humanitarian items.

"Over the past two weeks, the government of Cuba has taken actions to provoke a mass exodus to the United States... The solution to Cuba's many problems is not an uncontrolled exodus. It is freedom and democracy for Cuba," Clinton said yesterday, in a written and broadcast statement.

Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles, who consulted with officials at the White House for a second straight day, welcomed the move, as did Cuban American leaders. "President Clinton helped the country,

helped my state by his actions," Chiles said yesterday. The new steps also include increased and amplified US radio broadcasts to Cuba and a cutback of flights between the US and Cuba.

The US also will press the UN and other international organizations to deal with human rights abuses, Clinton said.

The administration mobilized resources quickly to start detaining Cuban boat people and avoid a massive influx of refugees into the US. But it has yet to decide what will eventually happen to those intercepted.

Some Republican senators criticized Clinton for not moving directly to punish Castro for the "provocative" policies that led to an exodus of refugees from Cuba. But the White House official said the new policies will speak for themselves and that the president "is moving deliberately and quite sharply."

Cuba and some of its fiercest critics have found a rare point of agreement - denunciations of Clinton detaining refugees rather than welcoming them.

In the first reaction to Clinton's move, Cuba's official Prensa Latina news agency Friday called it "a cheap political maneuver" and blamed the US economic embargo for the exodus.

Cuban exiles in Miami also protested, claiming the US measure punishes those who risked their lives to reach the country. Many Cubans continued to head out to sea in home-built rafts even after Clinton said they would be detained at Guantanamo rather than allowed automatic residence in the US.

TASE set to reopen today, sharp falls feared

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Tel Aviv Stock Exchange reopens today amid fears of sharp falls following last week's announcement of a 10 percent capital gains tax.

A senior trader at one of the leading banks said last night he expected the Maof and Mish-tanin (Two-Sided) stocks to fall 10%-12%, and the smaller Karam stocks to fall somewhere in the region of 17-18%.

The country's top economic echelon strove to reassure investors yesterday, with both Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel telling people to look to the long-term and ignore possible slides today.

The bourse was closed Wednesday and Thursday of last week, in an attempt to prevent panic immediately following Shohat's surprise announcement of a stock market tax beginning January 1. Treasury officials last week also admitted that due to the fact that stock market losses would not be offset against gains, the average effective rate of the new tax would be between 15% to 18%.

"I will be glad if the market is steady, but even if there are losses - and I have to take this into account - I will tell myself not to panic," Shohat told Army Radio.

"I think people should keep calm and view things in a time frame of several days," the finance minister said, attributing to investors "enough intelligence to adapt to a reasonable market level."

Shohat, in a press release last night, said there is no doubt that within a short while the bourse will stabilize at a price level that will reflect the realistic capacity of the companies whose stocks are traded there.

This view was shared by Frenkel. "There is no reason for people to flee the stock exchange... because the real test of whether it is worthwhile to stay in will not

be Sunday's events but a true forecast of economic growth in Israel," the central bank governor said.

He insisted, in an Israel Radio interview, that the economy was "following a track of health and growth." The Bank of Israel has predicted that gross domestic product will expand 5% this year after a rise of 3.5% in 1993.

Frenkel added that he supported allowing stock market losses to be offset against earnings when calculating the capital gains taxed owed by investors, but the Treasury had told him there were too many technical difficulties involved.

Frenkel said taxing share profits could help fight inflation by bringing in revenues, allowing the government to cut other levies such as import duties on raw materials that have contributed to rising retail prices.

The announcement of the stock market tax followed the publication of July's 1.1% rise in the Consumer Price Index, a sharper-than-expected increase that erased any hope the government had of meeting its 8% target for inflation this year.

Trading today will be without the normal limits which halt trading in a stock once it has risen or fallen 10%. Investors will have to place limits with all their orders.

Trading in all forms of securities on the TASE will begin one hour later than normal and the exchange will close an hour later.

Banks' deadline for accepting orders from customers will also be one hour later than usual. Normal trading arrangements will resume tomorrow.

In Friday's trading on Wall Street there were mixed results for Israeli stocks. ECI rose 2.6%, Teva increased 1.46% and Scitex was up 1.3%. Elbit dropped 2.71%, Elron registered a 2.46% fall, and Tadiran closed 0.7% lower.

Paratroopers suffer sunstroke during 70-km 'beret march'

ALON PINKAS

TWO paratroopers suffered severe sunstroke during their traditional 'beret march' from Gederah to Jerusalem on Thursday, forcing a stop to the march, the army confirmed last night. The two were hospitalized in Rehovot's Kaplan Hospital, where one was listed in fair condition and the other in good condition.

The 70-km. march from Gederah, site of the paratroopers memorial, to Ammunition Hill in Jerusalem marks the unofficial turning of an infantry soldier into a paratrooper, and ends with the ceremonial reception of red berets.

On Thursday night, following a full day's march, two soldiers collapsed and were diagnosed as having suffered sunstroke. The march was interrupted at the command of the paratrooper brigade's commander - a colonel - and the two were hospitalized. The march, which was to have been completed Friday morning, was not resumed.

In 1992 two soldiers in an elite unit died from dehydration during a march similar in distance and difficulty near Eilat. Since then, extra precautions have been taken, including an order for abundant water consumption, to prevent such incidents.

searched for relatives and friends with flashlights and kerosene lanterns.

No bodies were found, said Mohammad Akbar Ali, Chandpur's police chief.

The ship sank after it got caught in a whirlpool caused by the confluence of the Meghna River, one of Bangladesh's biggest, and the smaller Dakatia River. Both rivers were overflowing because of the month-long monsoon rains.

The ferry overturned suddenly, trapping many passengers.

Most of the people aboard were wage-earners and their families returning from Dhaka to Chandpur and to Shariatpur, 96 km. south of Dhaka.

Ferries, typically overloaded, are the only means of crossing the many rivers that crisscross Bangladesh. Nearly 1,000 people are killed each year in ferry disasters in the south Asian country.

350 people thought drowned in Bangladesh ferry disaster

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - About 350 people were feared drowned when a double-decker ferry capsized yesterday in choppy waters in southern Bangladesh. A desperate search by survivors in small boats lasted late into the night.

The ferry was carrying 400 passengers, double its authorized load. It overturned and sank at the confluence of two rivers as it neared the port of Chandpur, 64 km. south of Dhaka, the capital, United News of Bangladesh said.

Among those feared dead were 100 women and children.

With an hour of light left, rescuers set out for the sinking ferry in 15 boats, but were driven back by the turbulent waters.

Later, after officials suspended the search until dawn today, many of the 60 survivors who swam to shore got into small boats and frantically



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Tutu criticizes Mandela gov't as it celebrates 100 days in power

SAHM VENTER
CAPE TOWN

ANGLICAN Archbishop Desmond Tutu delivered a stinging criticism yesterday of President Nelson Mandela's government for its members' high salaries and for continuing to make weapons.

"I have been deeply disappointed that one of the first actions of the new parliament was to vote themselves those large salaries," the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner said in remarks prepared for a meeting of his church's regional leaders.

Tutu's questioning of the integrity and credibility of the Mandela government came as the country's first black president marked 100 days in office.

In a speech to parliament Thursday, Mandela said reconstruction of the racially divided country was on track and improvement of life for the impoverished black majority had started.

But Tutu, who won the Nobel for his anti-apartheid activism, said the lawmakers elected in April's first all-race vote had already "set a bad example."

"They missed a golden opportunity in my view to demonstrate that they were serious about stopping the gravy train," Tutu said. "Someone has observed that they stopped the gravy train only long enough to get on."

Ordinary parliament members are paid 161,000 rand (\$44,720) annually plus 32,000 rand (\$8,880) car allowance. Their predecessors in the white apartheid parliament received 123,000 (\$34,160) in annual salary with an additional 774 rand (\$215) monthly for expenses and 158,000 rand (\$43,880) as a car allowance every four years.

Mandela, who at his own request is the first head of state to

pay taxes, gets a total of 690,000 rand (\$191,660) yearly, or 409,632 (\$113,780) after taxes. F.W. de Klerk, the last president of the apartheid regime, received less, 265,743 rand (\$73,817) annually plus 1,800 rand (\$500) monthly for expenses and a 280,000 rand (\$77,770) car allowance every four years.

The country's average yearly wage is 14,400 rands (about \$4,000) and blacks typically earn less.

Tutu has repeatedly warned said he would be critical of the new government when it strayed, and said he had expressed his views in a private conversation with Mandela.

The archbishop also criticized the new government's failure to curb the country's burgeoning weapons manufacturing industry. "It is appalling to know that it is South African arms which have been used in Rwanda and Sudan," Tutu said. "We cannot keep quiet."

Warning that Mandela "could easily become the target of demonstrations and pickets," Tutu urged that "we should pursue the campaign for a gunless society."

Tutu said his church should never be co-opted. "We must never allow ourselves to become this or that party at prayer, however laudable its policies. We must always maintain a critical distance or be in critical solidarity with them."

Before the election, Tutu made a controversial ruling that Anglican priests could not be card-carrying members of any political party. Yesterday he said the decision would be reviewed at a bishops meeting in September.

(Reuters)



French soldiers wait to be flown back home at Goma airport yesterday as the French army's peacekeeping role in Rwanda comes to an end.

(Reuters)

Zaire closes border, Hutus stranded

MICHEL WRONG
BUKAVU

ZAIRE closed its border at Bukavu yesterday, leaving thousands of Hutu refugees stranded on the Rwandan side of the frontier.

Refugees wept and pleaded with border guards to no avail. Scores piled into canoes plying across the waterway and the most desperate swam across, pulling their cattle with them.

Earlier several thousand refugees fled over the border in a last-minute escape from their fear-stricken country.

It took the Zairean authorities more than seven hours to shut the border although they had informed aid agencies that it was officially closed in the morning.

But at 1400 local time red-bellied Zairean paratroopers, sent to reinforce security at the frontier, moved in. Wielding M-16 rifles, they drove the heavily-laden refugees off the rickety bridge.

Aid officials had begged the Zaireans not to go ahead with the closure, saying it could spark a stampede by refugees fleeing a protection zone before French troops pull out by tonight.

The panicked rush of Hutus, the majority tribe in Rwanda, was provoked by fears that the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front would seek revenge against them after the French handover to UN peacekeepers.

The RPF won power in Kigali in July after a

three-month offensive against a Hutu regime during which time government soldiers and Hutu militias slaughtered an estimated 500,000 people, mostly Tutsis.

When it became clear that Zaire, determined to prevent a repeat of the humanitarian catastrophe seen in Goma last month, was planning to close the border, there was a panicked rush into Bukavu.

On Friday between 20,000 and 25,000 refugees crossed. Before yesterday afternoon's closure, UNHCR monitors were counting 2,000-2,500 new arrivals each hour.

Exhausted by the walk through rain and hail, some refugees were leaning on sticks. Others had their feet wrapped in bandages. The rest were sweating under their loads - mattresses, battered pots and pans, bags of clothes.

For many this was the climax of a week-long trek from the towns of Gikongoro and Kibuye, which have been slowly emptying before French troops depart.

With the border closed, aid agencies will have to move part of their operations to Cyangugu, the Rwandan frontier town where refu-

gees have been milling before coming across. Two refugee camps are about to become operational there.

In Zaire, aid officials are desperately trying to move the refugees out of the town, which is sheltering more than 80,000 squatters and is already seeing the start of a dysentery epidemic.

Most of the refugees stop at the first settlement they find - a squalid camp of 10,000 that has sprung up in the grounds of a once-elegant Jesuit school.

The aim is to move these people to the dozen outlying camps where disease will be easier to combat and there will be no risk of clashes with local Zaireans.

But while the centre of Bukavu is being transformed into a massive refugee camp, aid officials insist the crisis has not yet reached the apocalyptic proportions seen in Goma.

Aid organisations are trying to brake the flow by setting up way stations on the road. French legionnaires at Ruzizi said tension could rise today when the border falls under the control of Ethiopian troops, part of a UN force.

"I just hope the Zaireans don't try to stop the movement in mid-flow. If they start shooting, there will be hell to pay," said one.

(Reuters)

Nuclear accord falters as N. Korea bars inspections

TOKYO (Reuters) - North Korea threatened to torpedo moves towards clearing up suspicion over its nuclear program yesterday, saying it would never allow inspection of key nuclear sites.

A statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said North Korea would never allow inspection of the military sites "at the expense of our sovereignty" to receive a US nuclear reactor.

The stand directly contradicted a condition laid down by the United States in its latest attempt to resolve the long dispute over the North's suspected nuclear weapons program.

At talks in Geneva a week ago, the United States told North Korea it would provide a new light-water reactor in return for a freeze in its current program using graphite reactors, which can produce plutonium used in bomb-making.

The agreement was seen as a possible first step towards ending the row over the North's nuclear industry, which the West believes it is using to produce plutonium for nuclear weapons.

A successful resolution could lead to the normalisation of the impoverished Socialist republic's relations with the West after decades of isolation.

However, a major omission in their joint declaration was any reference to special inspections by experts from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency.

US President Bill Clinton agreed with South Korean President Kim Young-sam last week that special inspection of the sites was needed before a light-water reactor (LWR) could be provided to the North.

Yesterday's statement by North Korea said it would not agree to this, although it might agree to other ways of clearing up suspicion of its activities.

"We will never allow the inspection of the military sites at the expense of our sovereignty to receive LWRs," the agency quoted a spokesman for North Korea's foreign ministry as saying. "This is our unshakable will."

The spokesman blamed the call for special inspections - which would help establish whether the North had removed plutonium for military use - on South Korea and Japan.

He said they were motivated by "a sinister political purpose of reversing the agreed statement of the DPRK (North Korea) and the United States and inciting confrontation between the two countries again."

"Another conflict cannot be evaded if they continue to try to create complexity, setting the 'special inspection' that we have never admitted, and cannot admit in the future either, as a 'precondition' to the solution of the issue," he continued.

Central to South Korean fears is the burning question of whether or not North Korea already has a bomb - or has at least removed from its plants enough plutonium to make one.

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Four held in Nigerian crackdown on strikers, democracy campaigners

LAGOS (Reuters) - Security forces have arrested at least four opposition activists in Nigeria in a crackdown on strikers and democracy campaigners trying to end military rule, opposition sources said yesterday.

Two human rights groups, both of which back detained businessman Moshood Abiola's claim to the presidency, condemned the arrests and called for the release of all those detained.

"Ten people were initially arrested but some have now been freed," said a spokesman for the National Democratic Coalition (NADECO) alliance of pro-democracy groups, which is pressing military ruler Sani Abacha to quit and hand power to Abiola.

There was no official word on the arrests but the NADECO spokesman told Reuters the 10 arrested had initially included people from different parts of the country.

Abiola, widely believed to have won last year's annulled presidential election, is on trial for treason after declaring himself president in defiance of Nigeria's military rulers.

The arrests appeared to be part of a concerted move by the military government to end a six-week-old, pro-Abiola oil workers' strike and protests which have disrupted much of the country's business activity.

The opposition sources said those in custody were NADECO vice-chairman Anthony Enahoro, a minister in the 1960s, former state governor Cornelius Adebayo, another leading member of NADECO, and two aides of Abiola.

Six well-known opponents of the government from northern Nigeria were also detained on Friday in the northern city of Kaduna but were later freed, the NADECO spokesman said.

Two human rights groups yesterday condemned the arrests.

"The Committee for the Defense of Human Rights is shocked by the renewed state of repression," the group, part of the umbrella Campaign for Democracy, said in a statement.

The Movement for Social and Economic Justice (MOSEJ), another Lagos-based group, called the arrests "panic measures." "MOSEJ calls for their immediate release," its statement added.

Abacha has said Abiola's trial will go ahead without any interference from the government.

The military ruler, in a state of the nation broadcast last Wednesday, sacked the oil workers' leaders and appointed administrators to run the unions.

The government has asked retired oil workers to register at their local job centres with a view to being re-engaged and has told all strikers, who include bank staff, to get back to work by tomorrow.

Leaders of the two unions have vowed to continue the strike.

The strike has disrupted fuel supplies nationwide and reduced Nigeria's crude oil output by about 20 percent. Oil exports, on which the west African country relies for 90 percent of its foreign earnings, remain at around their normal levels although the timing of some deliveries has been disrupted.

Who saved Paris? 50 years later the debate goes on

CHRISTOPHER BURNS
PARIS

AT a time when the Allied and Nazi war machines laid waste to cities in their paths, Paris was liberated with monuments intact. Fifty years later, debate continues on who deserves the thanks.

"It's the Americans who liberated Paris," said Chantal Leger, 48, who owns the Rose cafe on a street in central Paris where some of the heaviest fighting took place. Many American veterans agree.

But a former Resistance fighter or veteran of the French 2nd Armored Division who fought to redeem four years of humiliating occupation will claim the most credit. Hundreds of Resistance fighters and French soldiers died in the battle for Paris.

This year, officials will mark the German surrender of Paris on Aug. 25, 1944, with a dramatic procession, fireworks and a dance on the Place de la Concorde. On Aug. 26, 8,000 schoolchildren from across France will re-enact the historic walk by Gen. Charles de Gaulle down the Champs-Elysees.

The liberation was an almost comic, and nearly tragic, combination of insubordination by Germans and French alike; a race between Allied and Nazi reinforcements approaching the city, an orgy of celebration during and after the battle.

US reluctance to recognize de Gaulle, called an "egoist" by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and US Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's decision to delay the liberation of Paris helped set the tone of relations that still remain tense.

By August 1944, two months after the landings in Normandy, the Allies were about 100 km from Paris. Eisenhower chose a pincer-

like strategy to encircle the capital and force a German surrender without the costly urban warfare that had leveled St. Lo, Cherbourg and Caen.

But the people grew impatient. In Paris, butter cost \$10 a pound, electricity was on two hours a day and D-Day had raised hopes.

The Germans had goose-stepped down the Champs-Elysees more than 1,500 days. On the Eiffel Tower hung a huge "V" sign. The Nazis declared *Deutschland siegt auf allen Fronten* (Germany is winning on all fronts).

On Aug. 19, resistors armed with guns and gasoline bombs launched their uprising. They took a beating from German tanks.

Hitler ordered Gen. Dietrich von Choltitz, the Paris commander, to mine bridges and other sites. He was quoted as ordering the general to leave nothing but ruins,

as Allied bombers were doing to German cities.

Von Choltitz refused because he "knew that the war was lost (and) realized that Hitler was a very sick man," his widow, Ulrika, said by telephone from her home in Baden Baden, Germany.

De Gaulle, afraid a Resistance victory in Paris would freeze him out, sent a note to Eisenhower threatening to send in the French 2nd Armored.

On that ultimatum, Eisenhower is said to have scribbled: "It looks now as if we'd be compelled to go into Paris." He sent the French division, led by Gen. Philippe Leclerc, and the US 4th Division, as a reward for its heavy losses.

Leclerc's force was held up by heavy German resistance south of Paris and, as US Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley said, "a Gallic wall as townsfolk along the line of march

slowed the French advance with wine and celebration."

Bradley was quoted as saying he could not wait for the French "to dance their way to Paris. ... To hell with prestige. Tell the 4th to slam on in and liberate."

The French managed to send a small group of tanks to City Hall before midnight Aug. 24. The next day, French and US forces knocked out German posts isolated by Resistance, who controlled most of the streets.

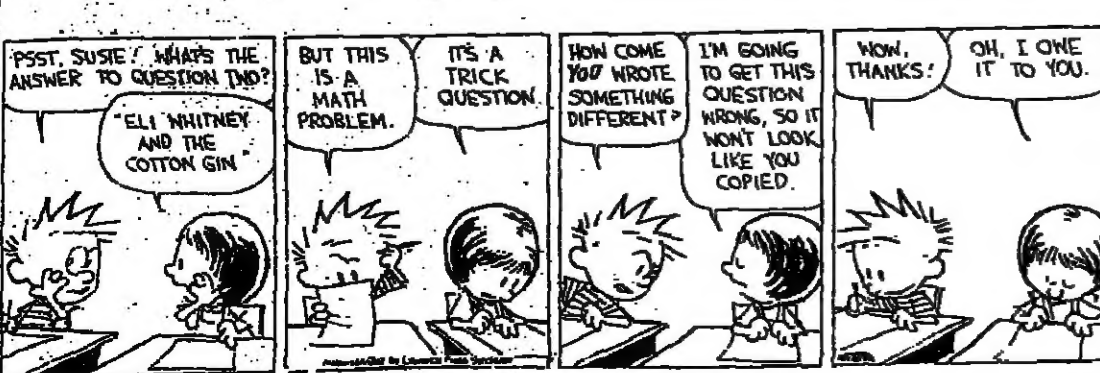
Russ Meyer, 72, the American movie maker and an Army cameraman at the time, said by telephone from his home in Palm Desert, Calif.: "I'll tell you who liberated it. It was the 1st American Infantry Division and the 4th Infantry Division. De Gaulle, and vive la France, they didn't have to liberate France at all."

On Aug. 26, de Gaulle strode down the Champs-Elysees to a wild welcome from Parisians.

"The liberation really legitimized him," Compagnon said. (Reuters)

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Observers skeptical about credible Mexican elections

LAWRENCE KOOTNIKOFF
MEXICO CITY

FOREIGN and domestic observers say Mexico's weekend vote for president may be the cleanest ever, but many are still skeptical it will be free of fraud.

Civic Alliance, the largest of several independent poll-watching groups, said its directors were roughed up, its offices in Matamoros ransacked, and some of its workers threatened around the nation.

The alliance, a coalition of non-governmental groups helping to train foreign observers, blamed the government and ruling party for the harassment.

"The conditions do not exist that would permit the qualification of the 1994 electoral process as fair or trustworthy," the group said ahead of today's vote, a key test of Mexico's resolve to match

economic with democratic reforms.

But it said late Friday enough advances had been made to leave open the possibility of a "relatively credible" election.

The election is of crucial interest to the democracies of North America and Europe, which embarked on a greater free-trade relationship with Mexico after this country dramatically opened its economy.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, allowed only one six-year term, launched the North American Free Trade Agreement with the United States and Canada on Jan. 1 after adopting bold free-market reforms.

In Washington, President Clinton said Friday he expected the election would be "free, open and

fair."

"I expect them to produce a result which will be accepted by the people of Mexico," Clinton said.

Ernesto Zedillo of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, is favored to win. That would ensure the party's continuous hold on the presidency since it was formed 65 years ago.

Former congressman Diego Fernandez de Cevallos of the conservative National Action Party was second in recent polls. Cuauhtemoc Cárdenas, repeat candidate of the leftist Democratic Revolutionary Party, lagged in third after a lackluster campaign. He con-

tends Salinas stole the 1988 election from him.

Analysts said that with one in four of Mexico's 45.7 million voters undecided, today's election could deliver a surprise. The top vote-getter wins regardless of the final totals.

The Carter Center at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, sent a 15-member team that reported the election likely will be the cleanest in Mexico's history but that problems remain. The delegation included a group of former heads of state and politicians.

"It's important that Mexicans know the world is watching," said

spokesman Joe Clark, a former Canadian prime minister.

Former US House Speaker Jim Wright said he was "very sensitive" to Mexican concerns about foreign interference and prejudging the vote.

"I consider myself an invited guest," Wright said at a group news conference Friday. "I wouldn't go into my neighbor's home and tell him how to hang his pictures or how to arrange his furniture."

But the group, in a report issued last week, said Mexican parties were fighting on "an uneven playing field" due to media coverage favoring the PRI and a \$40 million presidential campaign spending cap only the PRI could reach.

The Civic Alliance said armed

men carrying walkie-talkies broke up a meeting of eight of the alliance's directors Thursday night at a downtown restaurant.

The directors and other diners were stripped of their possessions and clothes and forced into the restaurant bathrooms while the assailants escaped, the group said. It also said it had found evidence of bribes of potential voters and falsified voter credentials.

Alliance member Luz Rosales called Thursday's incident "the response of groups from the government, from the ruling party who don't want to accept that Mexico has changed and that no single party can maintain its hold on power."

"The situation does not favor peaceful elections," she said. (AP)

British police accountant charged over missing millions

LONDON (Reuters) - A police accountant who drew a modest salary but lived the life of a lord with a property empire in the Scottish Highlands was charged yesterday with stealing from police funds.

Detectives investigating the disappearance of up to four million pounds (\$6 million) from police accounts said they had charged civil servant Anthony Williams on two counts of theft involving more than £30,000 (\$46,450).

Williams, 56, dealt with the £200 million (\$300 million) annual budget for London's Scotland Yard police headquarters. His responsibilities were said to have included fraud squad finances and cash payments to police informers.

While on a salary of around £30,000 (\$46,000), he bought the rights to an aristocratic title and acquired a hotel, a restaurant and other properties in a Scottish village, according to newspaper reports quoting local residents.

Williams was charged after a day spent under siege by reporters at his suburban home southwest of London. Police finally escorted him out of the house with a coat over his head and took him to a city police station.

Yesterday's newspapers said Williams and his wife styled themselves lord and lady and were taken for wealthy gentry when they visited their many properties in the picturesque Scottish village of Tomintoul.

Williams was suspended last month from his job as assistant finance director at Scotland Yard while police tried to solve the mystery of the missing cash.

Congresswoman wants Waldheim dossier opened

WASHINGTON (AP) - The CIA would be required to open its files on former UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, accused of participating in the roundup of Nazi victims in World War II, in legislation sponsored by a New York congresswoman.

"I think it's outrageous that the CIA was able to hide Kurt Waldheim's Nazi past even while the State and Justice Departments were placing him on the watch list," Carolyn Maloney said yesterday.

Waldheim, who headed the UN secretariat from 1972 to 1982, and was elected president of Austria in 1986, was barred from entering the United States by President Reagan's administration.

He remains on the list excluding from US entry war criminals, terrorists and those concealing World War II activity.

Maloney's War Crimes Disclosure bill, introduced last week, would broaden the 28-year-old Freedom of Information Act to ensure that US government data about war criminals can be made public, she said in an interview.

Waldheim "assisted and otherwise participated" in persecuting civilians, executing war prisoners and identifying Jews for deportation to concentration camps, the US Justice Department said in a report released last March. Waldheim has denied responsibility for, or involvement in such activity, while an Austrian officer in the German Army.

Yugoslav and Greek veterans organizations, as well as Jewish groups from those countries, have also accused him of taking part in mass deportations and murders of Serbs, Greeks and Gypsies in the Balkans.

But a commission of historians appointed by the Austrian government found in 1988 that although Waldheim had been "in close proximity" to wartime atrocities, there was no proof he had actually committed any crimes.

Two dead in Sri Lanka's post-election violence

COLOMBO (Reuters) - Post-election violence in Sri Lanka has claimed at least two lives and the country's day-old government extended an island-wide curfew yesterday to prevent further mayhem, police said.

New prime minister Chandrika Kumaratunga, in a nationwide address, warned her supporters not to mar their victory by lawlessness.

Kumaratunga's People's Alliance (PA) won Tuesday's poll, ending 17 years of United National Party (UNP) rule. She was sworn in as Sri Lanka's second woman prime minister on Friday.

One person was killed in the northwestern Chilaw district and another in the central Kegalle district in political violence on Friday, Deputy Inspector General of Police Merrill Gunaratne said.

The curfew, lifted at 5 a.m., was re-imposed at 6 p.m. yesterday evening.

"The curfew has been re-imposed as a precautionary measure. About 75 incidents of arson, pelting stones and assault have been reported from various parts of the country," Gunaratne said.

He said politicians were co-operating with the police by appealing to their supporters to halt violence.

"The situation is well under con-

trol. We don't expect any escalation of violence," Gunaratne said.

Police said that on Friday three shops and two houses belonging to UNP supporters were set on fire in the north-central Anuradhapura district and a UNP supporter's house was burned in the neighboring Polonnaruwa district.

Also on Friday, a UNP office in the eastern Batticaloa district was set on fire and troops prevented a mob from taking a bus in the western Gampaha district.

"We appeal to all of you, especially our party supporters, to refrain from acts of violence... We won't hesitate to take action against anyone who engages in acts of lawlessness," Kumaratunga said in a televised address to the nation on Friday.

"We know what our supporters have suffered but we must break the vicious circle of violence and terror... We must demonstrate that ideals prevail over the law of the jungle," she said.

Sri Lanka has a history of post-election violence.

A team of 44 international observers invited by the government to witness Tuesday's polls said yesterday the electoral rolls in Sri Lanka's strife-torn north and east needed to be revised to allow refugees and the displaced to vote.



President Bill Clinton, First Lady Hillary Clinton and members of the media celebrate the president's 48th birthday at the White House on Friday. (Reuters)

President Clinton celebrates 48th birthday

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton turned 48 Friday with wishes that Congress would pass his anti-crime and health care reform proposals and that fortune would smile enough to permit him a late summer vacation.

It was one of the few presidential birthdays to be marked over national television.

Off screen, Clinton begged off more media questions during the cutting of a birthday cake. He said he was glad the cake had no candles because "I have expended all of my hot air on you."

Someone tried to ask about fleeing Cubans.

"Now, that's one of those questions designed to spoil your birthday," Clinton said.

At the end, Clinton was asked if he cared to make three wishes on his birthday. The three:

1. "I would wish for the crime bill to pass."
2. "... If we can open our minds and hearts and play a little less politics, we can solve the health care problem, too."
3. "And I would wish that I won't have to give up my whole vacation because I still have dreams of breaking 80 on the golf course before I'm 50."

"I woke up this morning just grateful to be here; that's what I'm feeling," the president said. "I'm grateful to be alive, grateful to have my health, grateful to have my family..." and for the opportunity to serve the country.

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"I got him a huge globe," said his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton. "He wanted an updated globe because all of our globes are outdated" by changes since the end of the cold war.

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Karadzic fights for support against Milosevic

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Bosnian Serb war leaders, disavowed and isolated by Belgrade, yesterday began efforts to rally support in their power struggle.

Radovan Karadzic, president of the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb Republic, and his top officials, met leaders of the rebel Serb Krajina enclave in Croatia.

He planned a mass meeting in the north Bosnian town of Banja Luka today to show Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic that he commands the loyalty of Bosnian Serbs in his rejection of an international peace plan.

Serbian-led Yugoslavia, pressuring Bosnian Serb hardliners to accept a proposed territorial settlement with their Muslim and Croat foes, unleashed a scathing

personal indictment of Karadzic and his government on Friday.

Yugoslav Federal President Slobodan Milosevic accused the Bosnian Serb leadership of pursuing the war for personal gain, committing war crimes, sacrificing lives and deceiving their people.

He spoke in the name of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic who has turned against Bosnian Serb leaders in an attempt to end the Bosnian war and lift UN sanctions against Yugoslavia.

Lilic spoke contemptuously of the Bosnian Serb decision to hold a national referendum on the peace plans which divides Bosnia in half after 28 months of fighting and requires Serbs to give up large tracts of territory.

There was no immediate reaction to the onslaught from the Bosnian Serbs whose telephone lines with Yugoslavia have been cut under a blockade ordered by Milosevic.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said Karadzic met in the Krajina capital of Knin with local Serb leader Milan Martić on the immediate unification of the Bosnian Serb Republic and Krajina.

A local radio station quoted Martić, a Milosevic loyalist, as saying that unification was not a realistic prospect at the moment.

Political sources said Karadzic hoped to get a warmer reception from hardliners in Krajina who fear Martić and Milosevic may betray their attempt to remain independent of Croatia.

The Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA said Karadzic would be surrounded by all of his leadership colleagues at today's rally in Banja Luka.

A big popular turnout would be a boost for Karadzic in his defiance of Belgrade since Banja Luka is not normally regarded as one of his main centres of support.

Lilic singled Karadzic out for heavy personal criticism in his statement which swamped the Belgrade press yesterday.

But he also implied strong disapproval of Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) commander General Ratko Mladic by attacking the BSA attack on the Muslim enclave of Gorazde earlier this year.

The offensive was halted only after the UN threatened the BSA with air attack by NATO.

UK sending Russians 'Knicker Aid'

LONDON (Reuters) - British women have given a new meaning to the concept of international aid by collecting thousands of cast-off knickers and bras to send to their needy Russian sisters.

Dubbed "Knicker Aid", the campaign was launched by two slimming consultants whose clients dieted into smaller sizes and were keen to part company with their old underwear.

Western underwear is in great demand in Russia, where a decent bra costs a month's wages, said "Knicker Aid" co-founder June Macfarlane of Slimming World in the northeast English town of Darlington.

She hopes the outsized lingerie will suit Russian women who are generously proportioned as a result of their starchy diets.

The collectors are now discussing distribution with Russian officials.

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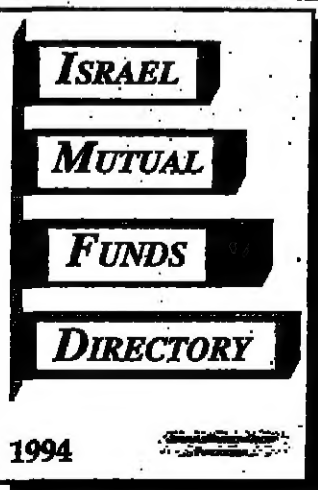
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Program gets addicts off drugs, into identity

KARL Marx had something when he claimed religion is the "opium of the people" – but certainly not in the way he intended. Jerusalem drug rehabilitation experts have found that introducing Jewish addicts to their religious and cultural heritage can help them escape from dependency on heroin, cocaine and alcohol.

Understanding one's self-worth as a Jew can be a "positive addiction" – a "high" that replaces drugs, says Dr. Naftali Fish, a US-born clinical psychologist who founded Nachat Ruach: The Fred Stark Center for Drug Rehabilitation and Life-style Change in the capital. The program has begun treating Jewish addicts from abroad.

Fish, a graduate of New York's Yeshiva University who settled here a decade ago, insists that Nachat Ruach does not aim to make reformed addicts Orthodox or even observant. "But helping them to experience and understand Jewishness, usually for the first time, gives them something to hold on to. Abandoning the negative is not enough. One must also

actively pursue the positive to effect a lasting change."

Fish, who wears a crocheted kippa, worked for six years at the state-sponsored Jerusalem Center for Drug Rehabilitation, the only outpatient drug-treatment facility in the capital. From 1989 to 1992, he served as regional supervisor of drug rehabilitation workers in the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, covering the area from Jerusalem to Beersheba.

Most of the state programs are based on the "12-Steps" technique developed in the US decades ago by Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). First the substance abuser must recognize he has a problem and is helpless; then he has to muster determination to free himself of addiction, partly by putting faith in a "higher power" than himself, which is not necessarily religion.

AA or Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings are most often held in the basements of churches abroad which have been receptive to hosting drug-rehabilitation programs, Fish says. "Although the churches have not used meetings

on their premises to convert participants, this could be damaging to Jews. Just being there and among Christian believers can weaken their Jewish identity."

In his dealings with Israeli addicts, Fish found that many had the need for some spirituality or closeness to their roots. "Some told me they take drugs every day but Shabbat. Others said they wanted to put on tefillin even though they had epidemic tracks on their arms." But all the other drug rehabilitation facilities in Israel use the secular US model.

While working with drug addicts in Ma'asiyahu Prison near Ramle in recent years, Fish adapted the "12-Steps" technique and added six more, bringing it to the numeric equivalent in Hebrew of *hai* (life). His program involves Jewish themes and offers a sense of purpose and inner satisfaction (the meaning of *nachat ruach*).

Leaving a primitive facility in the Jerusalem Forest, he started to detoxify desperate addicts referred to him from the US. "They did carpentry and tended animals and, under medical supervision,

became clean of drugs in two to four weeks," Fish says.

But being freed of physical dependence was not enough to keep them away from drugs permanently, he says. "We have to show the Jewish addict how to rechannel his single-minded dedication to self-destruction into self-construction, the establishment or restoration of identity and purpose as a responsible adult and Jew."

Robert Stark, a prominent real-estate developer in Cleveland, carried a relative of his onto the plane and delivered him to Fish's door 18 months ago, which is when he started the program. The young man, B, says now that "I was in such a bad state from hard drugs that if I had taken just one more dose, I would be dead."

Fish put him through detoxification, and then through the rest of the program. He was in effect reborn – so successfully that Stark and his wife Maria, now modern Orthodox, decided to finance the opening of a community facility. Nachat Ruach was dedicated in

memory of Robert's father two weeks ago on Rosh Hashana in Jerusalem's Meikor Baruch quarter. The apartment has room for four addicts, who are supervised around the clock by counselors who are rehabilitated abusers.

A personalized program is designed for each participant; the Jewish educators range from modern Orthodox to Habad Hassidic. For three to six months, participants get individual psychotherapy from Fish. A number of other treatments, including acupuncture and hypnotherapy, are also offered to reduce the risk of relapse. The rehabilitated addicts take on basic housekeeping chores, many of them for the first time in their lives.

Of the 10 addicts who took part in the program, eight are drug-free. One of them is studying at a yeshiva and was recently engaged to be married; his fiancée is well aware of his personal history. "I was broken; I hit rock bottom and didn't believe I could stop," he recalls. "I have a way to go to deal with my problems, but I have a new life."

"I did things that I'm ashamed even to mention," says Israel, a large, middle-aged man who "ran several businesses and almost my marriage and family into the ground" before finding Nachat Ruach. "If I hadn't come here, I would have been finished." He now plans to return to the US, where his wife is waiting for him to rebuild his life.

"We have started small," says Fish, "but we think there is a great potential for this program. There are tens of thousands of Jewish substance abusers in the US. A four-week program of only detoxification costs anywhere from \$15,000 to \$30,000 in the US. Nachat Ruach can offer a month of detoxification and Jewish education for \$3,500. Stipends may be available for those who can't afford it." US health-insurance companies reimburse many addicts for part of the cost of successful detoxification programs, even if held in another country.

Some of the addicts are referred to Fish by Rabbi Dr. Avraham Twersky, who runs the Gateway program for drug rehabilitation –

for Jews and non-Jews – in Pittsburgh.

"We do a professional evaluation in the US," Fish says, "and are now much more careful not to admit addicts with serious psychiatric problems, because this makes rehabilitation much more difficult and reduces the chances that they won't relapse. The two who failed the program had such problems."

Those who return to the US are referred to Jewish support groups there, while those who remain in Israel may get continued support on an outpatient basis.

Fish believes the Nachat Ruach program could be very successful among Israeli addicts as well, but the program would have to be modified and additional staff would be needed. If the government is interested in such an approach, it will have to help subsidize it, as few Israelis can afford the real costs.

"With our current facility, we can handle as many as 20 participants a year. The technique is very promising," concludes Fish, "with a great potential for growth."

State ready to shed light on standards for sunglasses

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

THERE is finally some light at the end of the tunnel. After two years of delays, the Health Ministry says an official standard for sunglasses should be ready by next summer.

In recent years, ophthalmologists have been advising parents to buy their children and themselves protective sunglasses that filter out damaging ultraviolet (UV) light. But there is still no Israeli standard for sunglasses, leaving the consumer to make uninformed choices.

The lack of a standard is not just a matter of wasted money on useless goods; sunglasses that don't filter out most UV light can be more harmful than not wearing sunglasses at all, says Prof. Michael Belkin of the Tel Aviv University Medical School's Goldschleger Eye Institute and of Sheba Hospital.

The dark lenses, he explains, cause the pupils to dilate, increasing the aperture for UV rays to enter. Research during the past three decades has proven that UV is responsible for many eye diseases, including cataracts and cancers of the eye. Until recently, some of these disorders had been considered the natural result of aging.

Belkin, who is currently abroad, has been coordinating the Israel Ophthalmologists' Association campaign for the use of protective sunglasses, especially among children.

In earlier statements, he said children's eyes are at high risk since they are more transparent than adult eyes, making their internal tissue more sensitive to damage from the sun. In addition, the thinning of the ozone layer which protects the earth from UV light, increases cumulative UV exposure in younger people.

The Israel Standards Institute concedes that it hasn't completed work on an official standard for sunglasses, even though it was asked to do so two years ago by the Health Ministry. Marian Laskovsky, a standards coordinator who was assigned to prepare a standard, says the process is complicated and involves a number of authorities.

"We are asked by the Ministry of Trade and Industry to make a standard; the ministry may be asked to do so by another ministry, in this case the Health Ministry. A committee of experts is set up to decide the terms and to investigate standards for the same product abroad. All of this takes time," says Laskovsky, whose work on the project was delayed by an accident.

UV rays, he says, exist in the range of 280 to 394 nanometers (billionths of a meter). There are various types of UV, and all these must be considered in the standard.

The way of testing filtration must also be



Children, who are more sensitive to damage from the sun than adults, can take comfort in soon-to-be-implemented standards for sunglasses.

considered. The UV-testing machines that can be found in the shops and offices of a handful of opticians and optometrists cannot necessarily be trusted. "These cost hundreds of dollars and can determine whether the lenses filter UV, but not how much they filter out or what part of the UV range," Laskovsky maintains.

A device that does this could cost \$10,000. The ISI official claims that the Health Ministry recently "froze" his work on the sunglasses standard. "The ministry's man in charge of standards retired and was replaced by someone who apparently believes in ministry-issued regulations to solve the problem instead of official ISI standards," Laskovsky charged.

But Dr. Avi Livnat, the Health Ministry's new official in charge of licensing medical equipment, says the standard for UV-protective sunglasses is "ready to go."

Setting official standards, Livnat insists, is very complicated: "There are pressures from all kinds of vested interests. However, the standard should be published in a few months,

and it will then become official three to six months after that. I see no reason why it shouldn't be mandatory; this will bar the sale or manufacture of sunglasses that do not meet the standard, and every pair will have to bear an ISI emblem."

He noted, however, that fines are not prohibitive and the ISI "does not have any policemen to enforce the regulation. Consumer groups and a public informed by the media can ensure implementation."

Livnat, however, pooh-poohed arguments that the matter was urgent, saying that the reports of dangers posed by UV rays were not universally accepted.

Paying a steep price for sunglasses does not ensure that the lenses are highly protective against UV rays. A cheap pair purchased in an outdoor market may be just as effective as an expensive pair found in an optician's shop. Nor will an official standard eliminate the smuggling of counterfeit goods that claim to be UV protective but are not.

Channel 2 junk-food ads boost profits – and bad eating

HEALTH SCAN

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THE avalanche of commercials on TV's Channel 2 is likely to affect the eating habits of children: A recent study in Britain shows food ads on TV have definitely had an effect on the diets of children there.

Eitanim, the Kupat Holim Clalit monthly magazine, reports that children who watch more TV ads for junk food eat more sugary, fatty foods than those who don't.

According to a survey by a British consumer organization, TV commercials promote junk food much more frequently than healthful food. A child who watches British commercial TV for an hour every weekday after school and all of Saturday morning sees an average of 92 commercials for foods and beverages each week. The consumer group says that food companies "have a clear interest in persuading customers to buy their products when they are young. In their eyes, children are a market worth investing in."

HOME DELIVERY OF DRUGS

The Health Ministry recently allowed nonpharmacists working at the health funds to take medications to the homes of chronically ill, elderly patients. Kupat Holim Meuhedet is the first to take advantage of the more liberal policy; it has initiated an unusual program in the Sharon region whereby special messengers deliver medicines to the patient's door once a month, instead of requiring him to go to the pharmacy.

Dr. Ze'ev Aharonson, director of the health fund's medical division, says the experiment has already proved to be a success. So far, it has been available to 1,000 members in Petah Tikva, Kfar Sava and Ra'anana, including those in nursing homes.

An aging, chronically ill patient need only phone the pharmacy in the health fund's distribution center, which supervises the types and amounts of medication being taken. If a change in dosage is needed, his doctor faxes a prescription to the pharmacist, who dispatches the drugs to the patient.

NEW PRESCRIPTION RULES

Kupat Holim Clalit has introduced numbered prescriptions with barcodes for better supervision of the supply and consumption of the 2,000 types of medication it offers. According to the new system, every Clalit region

will have its own prescription forms that will be printed in booklets and given to doctors.

All patients must sign the prescription when getting the medication. Prescriptions for narcotic drugs have to be filled out with the patient's address. Referrals to private pharmacies must be signed by a health-fund pharmacist.

Some of the addicts are referred to Fish by Rabbi Dr. Avraham Twersky, who runs the Gateway program for drug rehabilitation –

ACCIDENTS AND ALZHEIMER'S

Early signs of Alzheimer's disease could be a cause of traffic mishaps, according to Swedish scientists. These subtle, undetected cognitive changes in the brains of older people are due to plaques and tangles of nerve cells in the brain.

Researchers at Stockholm's Karolinska Institute reported that, among 40 drivers over 65 who died in car accidents, two-thirds were found in autopsies to have had these classic signs of Alzheimer's. Even such mild forms of this type of dementia could be a major factor in car accidents, the researchers suggested.

The study was reported at the recent International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders in Minneapolis, along with another piece of research suggesting that frequent use of sewing machines and other electrical appliances, which emit high levels of electromagnetic radiation, seems to put people at high risk of the disease.

Eugene Sobel and colleagues at the University of Southern California conducted three studies analyzing the occupations of people with Alzheimer's. They repeatedly found that dressmakers and tailors were three times more likely to have Alzheimer's than people who did not work in such close proximity to electrical devices.

GUILT-FREE FAT

A new artificial fat that is claimed to taste like the real thing but packs less than two-thirds of the calories has been developed. Called Salatrim and produced by the RJR Nabisco Holdings Corporation and the Pfizer pharmaceutical company, it is intended to replace conventional fat in everything from cheese to choco-

late bars to cookies.

But don't start gorging yet. The US Food and Drug Administration hasn't approved it, and a number of other fake fat products have been unpopular.

Because Salatrim is made from vegetable oils and other foods, it is not officially recognized as "synthetic" and has already been put on the FDA's list of substances "generally recognized as safe." Nabisco says it plans to introduce Salatrim in processed foods within a year.

QUICK URINARY REPAIR

Laparoscopy has been used to correct a congenital kidney defect that until now required major abdominal surgery and the insertion of a urinary catheter for weeks after the operation. A video of the technique will be shown at an international urology congress to be held soon in the US.

The urology department at Hillel Yoffe Hospital in Hadera has introduced the less-invasive procedure in patients with a narrowing of the pathway from the kidney to the ureter. As a result of this condition, the kidney swells and sometimes ceases functioning.

The narrowing is eliminated by using a tiny scalpel and an optical device that are inserted through an eight millimeter incision. A small tube is left in the kidney for two months until it heals. Following the hour-long surgery, the patient can be discharged in three days.

SWEET STOOLS

The clean and esthetic Japanese reportedly hate to diaper their babies, so it isn't surprising that a Japanese company set out to develop a drug that eliminates the odor in feces. *The Mainichi Daily News*, quoted by Reuters, reported that the "magic pill" was developed by the Tokyo firm Dairin. Anyone who takes one pill after every meal will have odorless stools, the company claims. Called "Etiquette View," the drug is made from natural ingredients and will be relatively cheap, selling at \$30 for 90 pills.

A Japanese professor of psychiatry, Susumu Oda, said he was concerned about possible social effects of the drug. He didn't want parents obsessed with odors to give them to infants. But the pills could be helpful for bedridden patients in old-age institutions.

Backstroke, freestyle are good for your spine

Rx FOR READERS

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

I am a 35-year-old man who works in an office and generally enjoys good health. When I have a tough day at work, I sometimes suffer pains in the middle and lower part of my spine: I was wondering whether swimming is good for strengthening the back. What swimming styles are good for the back and what types, if any, are liable to hurt the back? I.N., Tel Aviv.

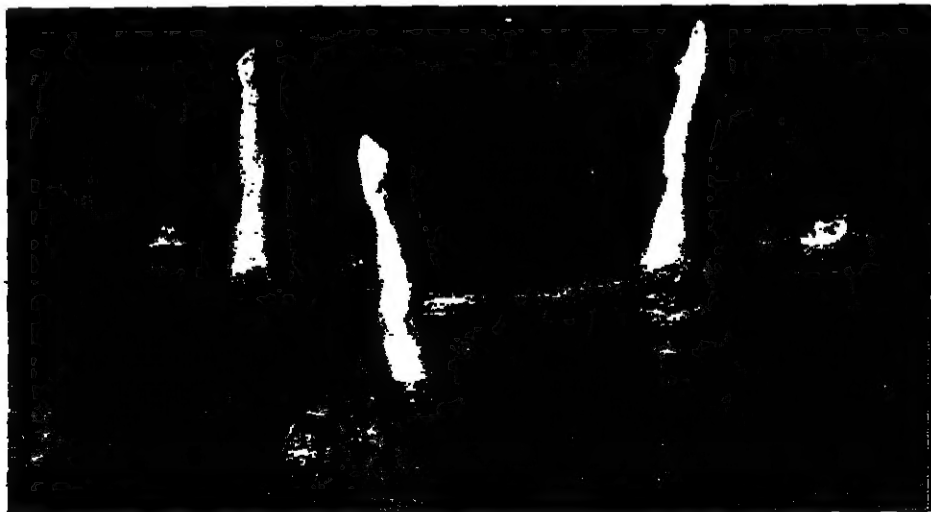
Dr. Yoni Yaron of the sports medicine department of the Wingate Institute in Netanya replies:

It is medically accepted that swimming eases back pains. This is because it strengthens the muscles and improves general physical fitness. In addition, the water minimizes the effect of gravity, thus reducing strain on the back.

The best swimming strokes for the back are backstroke and freestyle. But the backstroke is not recommended because it involves the arching of the back and neck, and this can cause problems. In addition, the backstroke exerts the legs, thereby affecting the lower spine.

If you haven't had leg pains or weakness, you probably suffer from back pains due to being too sedentary, like many people. In that case, you don't need to see a doctor before starting to swim.

I recommend half an hour of the backstroke or the crawl at a good pace, so your respiratory rate increases but you aren't exhausted. Build up gradually in four or five months to 1.5 kilometers – or 60 lengths of the pool – three to five times a week.



Swimming on one's back is particularly recommended for easing back pains and improving fitness.

I am a 42-year-old man. I smoked for 20 years and kicked the habit a year ago. My doctor told me that the cilia – tiny hairs in the bronchial tubes that protect the lungs from pollutants – are destroyed by smoking. Will they grow back after a while without cigarettes? H.J., Jerusalem.

Pulmonologist Dr. Eitan Kerem of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital comments:

Cilia can be seen, but only with a microscope, on cells covering certain mucous membranes, such as the nose and trachea. They help protect the body from damaging particles in the air. In general, cigarette smoke damages the cilia, and most of the time the damage is irreversible, but it need not be overwhelming.

It is very fortunate that you stopped smoking, because the damage caused by cigarettes is progressive. Not all the cilia cells in your respiratory system have necessarily been destroyed. There is sometimes a chronic inflammation in the respiratory system that prevents regrowth of the cilia; if there is no inflammation, there is a slight chance of regrowth.

In any event, you may expect a tendency towards bronchitis, especially in winter. I would recommend that you avoid passive smoke at all times.

I am a 45-year-old man who finally gave up smoking six months ago after 25 years. My doctor says my blood cholesterol level is

high and my coronary arteries are narrowed. Is there any chance that, merely by giving up smoking, my cholesterol level will decrease and my arteries will expand? A.T., Tel Aviv.

Dr. Boaz Mendelevski, cardiologist at the Jesselson Heart Center at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, comments:

Generally speaking, we know from empirical evidence that five years after cessation of smoking, the risk of a heart attack goes down to the normal level, the same as that of someone who has never smoked.

When one stops smoking, the narrowing of the coronary arteries stops. However, there are no studies that prove smoking cessation alone, in the long term, reduces cholesterol levels and causes the arteries to expand. There are too many factors – lifestyle and diet changes, genetics and other factors – that interact, and it is difficult to isolate cholesterol and clogging of the arteries as the most important factors.

After only six months, it is too early for significant change to have taken place. If your condition is acute, you must immediately start controlling your cholesterol by diet or drugs if necessary, and to treat the narrowed coronary arteries as advised by your physician.

Rx For Readers welcomes queries from readers about medical problems. Experts will answer those we find most interesting, and replies will be printed in the twice-monthly column on the Health Page.

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The Barak-Peres Golan dispute

CHIEF of General Staff Lt-Gen. Ehud Barak was presumably expressing nothing more than a military opinion when he said in Washington that even in peace Israel should stay on the Golan. But he touched on the crux of the difficulty in making peace with Syria.

Although the Golan has a rich Jewish past, it does not have the emotional, religious and cultural significance that Judea and Samaria possess for most Israelis. If there is a broad national consensus against relinquishing it, it stems mostly from the belief that it is vital to Israel's defense.

Most Israelis agree with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assertion in June 1992 - which helped him win the election - that forfeiting the Golan is tantamount to abandoning Israel's security. This is so not only because the Golan topographically dominates all of northern Israel and gives a potential aggressor inestimable advantage, but because Syria is a formidable, heavily armed power. Unlike the Palestinians or the Jordanians, who cannot threaten Israel unless they form an alliance with others, the Syrians - whose ambition has always been to achieve "strategic parity" with Israel - can do so alone.

Nor do most Israelis believe that Syria's intentions have changed. If the opinion polls are to be trusted, a large majority believe that if the Golan front has been almost completely quiet and secure, it is because the IDF there is within artillery range of Damascus.

But while Barak probably represents a broad Israeli consensus, it is not surprising that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres took exception to his comments, asserting that there is not the remotest chance of signing a peace treaty with Syria without leaving the Golan.

In this Peres is undoubtedly correct. Syrian dictator Hafez Assad wants an Israeli commitment to complete withdrawal from the Golan and southern Lebanon, as well as Judea and Samaria, as a pre-condition to negotiations over a peace treaty. And since he is not under internal pressure to reach a peace agreement, he is not about to consider giving up the Golan (which represents less than one percent of Syrian land) for peace. He will wait until Israel yields to his conditions - something Peres is obviously willing to do.

But even Peres does not dispute the Golan's strategic importance in case of war. He and others who recommend withdrawal from the heights

believe that "peace is also a component of security," as Environment Minister Yossi Sarid put it on Thursday. This, too, is undoubtedly true. A strategic piece of land like the Golan Heights between such neighbors as the US and Canada or Holland and Belgium would matter little. But only the most naive can hope for this kind of peace between Israel and a ruthless dictatorship.

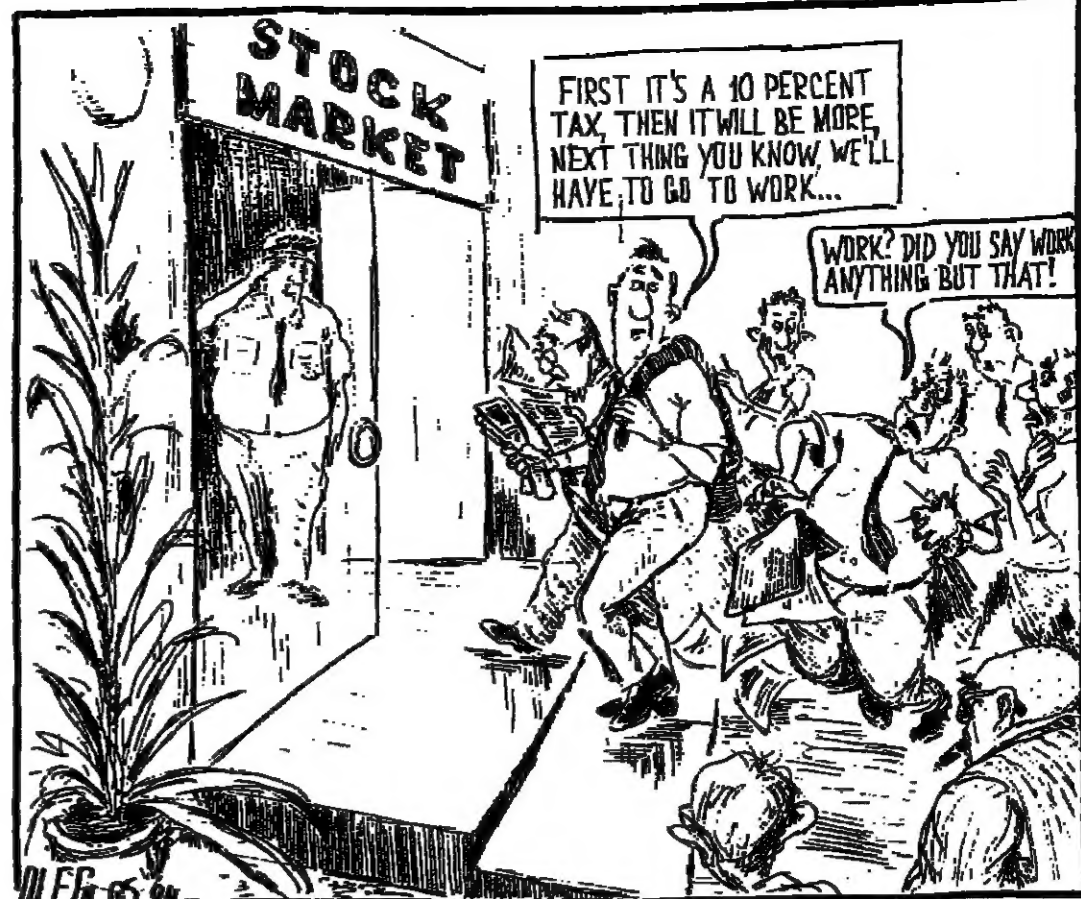
Syria is in dire need of Western economic help, for which it needs political legitimacy. It may have decided that signing a peace treaty with Israel is the only way to achieve this legitimacy. And it will probably agree to do so before the Israeli and US elections in 1996. But Syria will not be and cannot be a Holland to Israel's Belgium. It has been arming itself feverishly. Its army, air force and missile force are larger than Israel's. And it has developed an impressive arsenal of chemical and biological weapons.

To assume that the nuclear force allegedly possessed by Israel can serve as a deterrent to Syrian ambitions, particularly when Syria's ally Iran joins the nuclear club, is to indulge in the kind of wishful thinking no responsible leadership can permit itself.

Supporters of full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan keep repeating the canard assiduously propagated by former US Ambassador to Israel, Edward Djerejian, that while Assad may be a tough negotiator, he is a man of his word. An agreement with him, say these advocates, may involve unpleasant sacrifices, like the transfer of the residents of the Golan to within the Green Line, but it will stick.

Leaving aside that Assad's successor, like all dictators, will not feel bound by agreements made by his predecessor, the fact is that Assad himself has never lived up to an agreement he signed. As Prof. Daniel Pipes documented on these pages on Friday, Assad has even violated the Golan disengagement agreement, the one contract usually cited as a perfect example of his honesty. Nor have most of the agreements Assad has discarded been with Israel but with Arab states and Turkey. That he would consider an agreement with Israel more binding is highly unlikely.

It would be salutary, then, for the government to treat Barak's statement not as just another bit of military input, but as a warning against a hasty move which may seriously and irretrievably jeopardize Israel's security.



Where Carlos slipped up

AMIEL UNGAR

IN many a spy novel, we read about the aging agent who after many successful years on the tightrope begins to slip. The elusive sixth sense that has kept him a step ahead of his pursuers ultimately fails him and he is finally captured.

Carlos undoubtedly succumbed to this occupational hazard. The proof of his diminished capacity is furnished not by his capture in Sudan but by his poor choice of a country of refuge. If Ilich Ramirez Sanchez had had any sense he would have fled not to Khartoum but to Tel Aviv.

Carlos obviously failed to keep abreast of current trends. Had he done his homework he would have discovered that scant solicitude remains for spymasters and terrorists associated with the defunct Communist left.

East Germany's intelligence chief, Markus Wolf, the real-life Karla of John Le Carre, is incarcerated in Germany. Nobody will defend Wolf for merely doing his job during the Cold War. Former Nazis like Kurt Waldheim have a better chance at rehabilitation or even knighthood.

But the terror bracket which carries the best prospects for blanket amnesty and even adulation is "reformed Arab terrorist" (or guerrilla fighter in BBC-speak).

Carlos's long service on behalf of Arab terror qualifies him for the preferred category and all its accompanying benefits. One can easily imagine the following scenario had Carlos made the right choice.

Upon landing in Israel, prisoner Carlos is embraced by a host of learned humanitarians and publicists. They argue that he was merely a soldier in a war where

both sides had to do difficult things. Peace has changed the entire picture and former combatants have been transformed into comrades in arms.

In an exclusive interview with one of our tabloids, Carlos is pictured embracing a widow or orphan of one of his victims in a dramatic act of reconciliation. The

If Ilich Ramirez Sanchez had any sense he would have sought refuge in Tel Aviv

bold caption screams that the past is behind us and we look toward the future.

Other defenders point out that Carlos had merely masterminded the terror operations but had not actually pulled the trigger or detonated the explosive device. Therefore he deserves to be placed in the mitigating category of a person "without any blood on his hands."

CHAIRMAN ARAFAT himself plays an instrumental role in the rehabilitation campaign. Arafat first pleads the case of Carlos with the same earnestness that he pleads the case of "his brother Sheikh Yassin" of Hamas.

Suha Arafat follows up with a humanitarian request on behalf of the suffering Señora Carlos during a TV appearance with Leah Rabin.

Arafat's clique of Israeli apologists immediately cheers his brilliant demarche of espousing Carlos, a former member of George Habash's Popular Front. The chairman, they explain, is actively building a national consensus by assuming responsibility for all soldiers of Palestine rather than looking out only for PLO members.

Carlos's support, writes an informed columnist, could prove invaluable in the decisive debate over deleting the offensive clauses in the Palestinian National Covenant, a debate which will take place any day now.

Arafat can also be counted on to take Carlos aside and explain the new rules of the game. The former terrorist has to sign a letter announcing his renunciation of terrorism. Nobody of course will take this declaration seriously, but niceties have to be observed.

To temporarily tide over Carlos's craving for blood, he is put in charge of liquidating collaborators or interrogating detainees at the Orient House.

Finally comes the dramatic announcement that Carlos has enlisted in the fight against terrorists opposed to the peace process. To solemnize his new status, Carlos meets with the head of the General Security Services, who shall remain nameless due to security considerations.

The Israeli defense establishment commemorates the occasion by presenting Carlos with a handgun minus the silencer. All these benefits and more could have been Carlos's. What a squandered opportunity.

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The wrong precedent

MICHAEL OREN

IF there's one thing Israelis and Syrians agree on it's the precedent for the peace between them. This is the principle of "full peace for full withdrawal," devised at Camp David. Simply put, Israel was to completely withdraw from the Sinai in return for normal relations with Egypt.

The principle has been consistently embraced by the US, despite the fact that normalization never occurred. Moreover, the circumstances surrounding Camp David differ radically from those of today. Needed is a more contemporary framework, one which places confidence-building before matters of territory and peace. That precedent is the recently signed accord between Israel and Jordan.

The world has changed profoundly since 1979, the year of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty. Back then, the Arab states could count on the virtually unqualified backing of the Soviet Union. Oil was still an effective weapon and the PLO was at the height of its influence.

To placate Arab opinion, Israel had to make far-reaching concessions. In addition to evacuating the entire Sinai peninsula, it also had to accept linkage between normalization and a solution to the Palestinian problem.

Today, the Arabs no longer enjoy superpower support or the ability to wield influence through oil. The PLO is a shell of its former self. Normalization, meanwhile, never materialized, even after Israel agreed to full autonomy for the Palestinians.

The Egypt-Israel treaty is hardly an equitable precedent for peace between Israel and Syria. The agreement between Israel and Jordan, by contrast, puts less emphasis on the questions of territory and peace. Priority is given to confidence-building measures such as establishing communications and joint development projects.

The impact on public opinion in both countries has been overwhelmingly positive, enabling their leaders to show greater flexibility in reaching a final settlement.

Unlike Syria, Jordan has long had cooperative relations with Israel, but the issues at stake - defensive borders, water-sharing, and the status of Jerusalem - are equally complex. Indeed, the Israeli-controlled areas demanded by Jordan are almost the same size as the Golan and, in the north, include

strategically important heights. The obstacles, however, are less daunting when approached in an atmosphere of mutual trust. Such trust is all the more vital in the case of Syria, with its policy of open belligerence toward Israel.

PRESIDENT ASSAD may not be King Hussein but neither is he Anwar Sadat, and unless he gains Israel's confidence, there can be no long-term peace.

Assad's interest lies not in making peace but in regaining territory. He has gone on record as saying that he will accept no less than Sadat received - i.e. a total Israeli withdrawal - but will agree to no

Israel's agreement with Jordan, not Egypt, should serve as the model for peace with Syria

more than the cold peace which Egypt still maintains.

While Israel has little chance of getting Egypt to live up to its obligations, especially considering Mubarak's precarious position, it can avoid making similar mistakes with Syria, by applying the Jordan precedent in its relations with Damascus.

Such measures might include: A declaration of principles on water-sharing, conservation and the development of new water sources; an exchange of journalists; the opening of a tourist route from Haifa to Damascus; the establishment of direct telephone lines; the holding of summit meeting between Syrian and Israeli leaders, possibly under American auspices, resulting in the creation of working committees on economic, environmental and strategic topics.

Confidence-building measures, though once unthinkable, are today a prerequisite for Syrian-Israeli peace. Israel is no longer isolated and has earned considerable international goodwill. Syria, on the other hand, is increasingly beleaguered, deprived of a military option and denounced for its involvement with terrorism.

Unlike the Egyptian-Israeli treaty, which was never endorsed by the world community, the Jordan-Israeli agreement has been universally acclaimed. Now is the time to utilize that precedent in achieving the ultimate goal: peace between Israel and Syria.

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POSTSCRIPTS

A BRITISH married couple was paid £12,000 to make love three times a day for three weeks for a TV documentary series. It wasn't old-fashioned love as much as it was a technological first: a BBC series on mankind filmed the act of love-making from the inside.

Wendy Duffield, 31, had a stain-

less steel camera the size of a ball-point pen fitted inside her. The camera, equipped with a miniature flashlight, cost £15,000 to make.

"The crew would expect me to be ready to perform again after a five-minute rest but my body had other ideas. I'm not superhuman," Tony said.

We have too many absent fathers on Earth to begin to even entertain the thought of having no father in heaven.

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(Los Angeles Times)

Man talk

DENNIS PRAGER

A recent Presbyterian conference on "re-imagining God" as a female deity has made apparent once again that many Christians and Jews are having a difficult time with the traditional masculine depictions of God.

The reason for this difficulty is the widespread belief that the only reason the Bible refers to God in the masculine is the patriarchy and sexism of the ancient world.

It's true that the Bible is written within a patriarchal context and that there is sexism in Bible-based religions. But these facts alone do not explain why God is depicted as a "father" rather than as a "parent" or "mother."

The depiction of God in masculine terms is, in fact, essential to the fundamental moral purposes of the Bible and Judeo-Christian society. If you consider that the Bible's primary concern is moral behavior and that most perpetrators of violence against innocent people are males, several reasons for depicting God as a father suggest themselves:

• Boys take rules from men. When they are young, males need to feel accountable to a male authority figure. Without a father or some other male rule-giver,

Our father figure who art in heaven

young men are likely to do great harm. Many mothers will tell you that if there is no male authority figure to give a boy rules, it is virtually impossible for her to control his wilder impulses.

For this reason, a God depicted in masculine terms - not a goddess, not a "Mother in heaven" - must be the source of "Thou shalt not murder," "Thou shalt not steal," etc.

Women who feel discriminated against because of the male depiction of God need to ask themselves: whether any discomfort they may feel because of a masculine depiction of God is comparable to the pain they will suffer if boys are not civilized into good men.

Those who do not acknowledge the need for male authority figure only have to study the criminal population in the US in the late 20th century. They will find that, more than any other factor, the absence of a father or other male authority figure in the formative years of boy's life contributes to criminal behavior.

If the father-figure/rule-giver that boys need is not on Earth, a loving and morally authoritative father in heaven can often serve as an effective substitute.

• Males need a male role model. In order to transform a wild boy into a good man, a male role model is as necessary as a male rule-giver.

When the Bible depicts God as merciful, caring for the helpless and a lover of justice, it is not so much interested in describing God who is, after all, largely indescribable, but in providing a model for human emulation. If God were a female, boys and men would deem these beautiful traits as "feminine," and therefore, in their pursuit of their masculinity, reject them.

But if God - our father in heaven - who is on occasion a warrior-cares for the poor and loves justice, mercy and kindness, then these traits are masculine, and to be emulated.

The argument that this is sexist, since girls need moral female models, is irrelevant and untrue. The problem of violence is a male one and one the Bible is most concerned with - and girls are able to retain their femininity and their decency with a male-depicted God. Of course, girls need female role models - but not in order to avoid violence.

• The male is more rule-oriented. Law and order are not code words for repression, but rather the essential building blocks of a decent society. It is, therefore, natural and desirable that God will be identified with the gender that is more naturally disposed to rules and justice - males. Females are more naturally inclined toward feelings and compassion - essential qualities for a decent personal life, but not for the governance of society.

A final, personal note: I am a strong supporter of women's equality; my own religious life is egalitarian; I fully acknowledge that God is neither male nor female, and I regard the notion that either sex is superior as nonsense.

Yet, I find it ironic that some women, in the name of feminism, are attempting to emasculate the God of Western religious morality. If their goal is achieved, it is women who will suffer most from lawless males.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

Sir, - In the light of Malaysian businessman Tunku Abdulrahman's June meeting with Israel's prime minister and foreign minister in Jerusalem, it is reassuring to know from the Malaysian prime minister himself that Malaysia has no intention of establishing diplomatic relations with the Zionist regime because "Malaysia was not convinced of Israel's stand with regard to its negotiations for peace with the PLO."

Israel has done nothing in recent months to convince us that we should change our policy towards her. To start with, she has been most reluctant to observe the various terms and conditions pertaining to her withdrawal from Jericho and the Gaza Strip, as stipulated in the September 13 Declaration of Principles. Indeed Israel continues to exercise total authority over Jewish settlements in Gaza. Internal security, to all intents and purposes, is still very much in her hands. This is why she continues to kill with impunity Palestinian freedom fighters who dare to challenge her wanton power. Israel also controls the borders of Gaza and Jericho. Equally important, there is nothing to suggest that Israel will allow the four million Palestinian refugees, especially those from the 1948 exodus, to return to their homeland. This is a crucial issue in the whole question of restoring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. Israel also remains adamant in its opposition to returning any part of Jerusalem to the Palestinians. And yet Jerusalem is not only Islam's third holiest city; it is also the city whose multi-religious character Israel strove to protect right through history. It is this character that Israel has destroyed since its illegal occupation of the city for the last 27 years. Most of all, Israel continues to refuse to recognize the right of the Palestinians to establish an independent, sovereign state - though the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) has acknowledged the right of Israel to exist as a sovereign state.

It is only too obvious that Israel has not made any meaningful concession to the just Palestinian struggle for nationhood. On the contrary, it has

with tremendous craft and cunning, manipulated the so-called "peace process" beginning with the Madrid conference of November 1992 to win diplomatic recognition for itself from a number of countries in Asia and Africa who hitherto had stayed away from Israel.

Today more than a hundred countries recognize Israel, including China, India and Nigeria, compared to less than 50 states which had full diplomatic ties with her five years ago. So while Israel has succeeded in breaking out of her diplomatic isolation by pretending that it is interested in genuine peace, Palestine still remains the unfulfilled dream of a long suffering people.

This is why Malaysia, which has been a staunch supporter of the Palestinian cause, should be wary about establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. It would be a pity if yet another nation falls into the Israeli trap. Let Israel first prove that it is sincere about justice for the Palestinians before we make any move. As a nation which cherishes human dignity, Malaysia would readily understand how much peace with honor must mean to the Palestinian people.

DR. CHANDRA MUZAFFAR
Director,
Just World Trust (JUST)
Penang, Malaysia.

NO PROGRESS

Sir, - I have just returned from a very enjoyable three week trip to Israel. After a five-year absence I was very impressed at the progress made in many areas - especially the telephones.

I was disappointed by the lack of progress on the addition to smoking. I walked out of many stores that reeked of cigarette smoke and would not buy from any sellers of food with cigarettes dangling from their lips and ashes falling into the food. I was shocked that any of this is permissible or tolerated.

RAY NEWTON
Phoenix, Arizona.

LIMITING FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

Sir, - Zalman Shoval agrees with the policy of all Israeli governments towards the Temple Mount, thinks it correct and that it should be continued ("Don't bet on it, Yasser," J.P., July 24).

That policy is to leave the Temple Mount and its mosques to the de facto administration of Arab religious authorities. Mr. Shoval reasons that this policy prevents increased political tension even though it restricts Jewish rights.

I would put it that the restriction of Jewish rights to the extent that the Law of the Protection of the Holy Places is a dead letter vis-a-vis Jews has caused the High Court of Justice actively to support discrimination; that political tensions and pressures have increased; that there exists a very real possibility that in handing over the Temple Mount in its entirety to King Hussein this will forever disallow Jews from entering its confines; and that this policy, more than any other factor, will contribute to an eventual division of the city and at the very least an "Islamic Vatican."

In this perspective, the limiting of the Jewish freedom of worship has backfired.

YISRAEL MEDAD
Shiloh.

FOUNDING SENIORS

Sir, - It has been brought to my attention that there is an error in the article "80 Years Young and Going Strong" by Melanie Rosenberg in the AACI 42nd Anniversary Supplement.

I would appreciate it if you could inform your readers that the Seniors Division of AACI was founded by Bessie Friedman and Leonard Goldstein during the time when Murray Greenfield was AACI executive director.

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Last Hope For Haiti

Washington - Representative Bill Richardson, making an eleventh hour bid to prevent the tragedy of Haiti from becoming a total fiasco, visited Port au Prince to find intransigence not among the reviled military high command but in the U.S. Embassy.

Richardson engaged in the first serious conversation with Lieutenant General Raoul Cedras by an American official in a year. He left with a flicker of optimism that an invasion might yet be averted. Yet the official voice of the U.S. government there misrepresents his mission as a bellicose threat to the Haitian military to leave or suffer the consequences.

This was no errand congressional junket. Though disdained by Washington policymakers, Richardson represented the last hope for Haiti: The departure of Cedras and a brief restoration of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. But to achieve this, there would have to be tight restrictions on Aristide and guarantees against the terror that marked his seven months in power.

with time running out. "Time of negotiations is over," he declared, pointing to "14 U.S. naval ships outside Port au Prince and 3,000 Marines."

The sabre rattling came from Schrager, not Richardson, who did not brief the embassy spokesman beyond his statement and certainly did not threaten the generals. What transpired over dinner at Cedras' house was the first civil discussion in years between U.S. authorities and the high command.

The generals detailed their list of grievances against Aristide and argued that human rights atrocities have been concocted. Cedras, Blamby and Lieutenant Colonel Michel Francois, the Port au Prince police chief (who was neither present nor mentioned at dinner), have been dehumanized as "thugs" by senior U.S. officials. To Richardson, Cedras was no brute but a family man, surrounded by his wife and small children, and a gentleman.

"I found them not to be intransigent," Richardson told me after he returned to Washington Tuesday night. "I think we should not assume that

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Richardson has neither diplomatic experience nor expertise in Haiti. He is a loyalist Democrat, the chief deputy majority whip of the House, a stalwart for North American Free Trade Agreement ratification and perhaps the next secretary of the interior. His mission to Haiti was made with president Clinton's knowledge and after a conference with Vice President Al Gore.

While other members of Congress (most recently Representative Charles Rangel) have been denied entrance into Haiti, Richardson used private intermediaries to meet Cedras — commander in chief of the Haitian military — for more than five hours over Monday dinner at his residence. Also present were Major General Jean Claude Duperval, deputy commander in chief; Brigadier General Philippe Blamby, chief of staff, and Brigadier General Henri-Max Mayard, inspector general.

The prepared statement Richardson left behind in Port au Prince Monday morning said only that "The discussions were extremely frank and informative." But the congressman made the mistake of leaving it to be read by Stanley Schrager, the U.S. Embassy spokesman.

Schrager displayed the style that has made him a hated figure for many Haitians. He claimed that Richardson had warned his hosts of imminent invasion

the situation cannot be resolved peacefully." He came away from the long tropical evening hoping some element of mutual trust can be achieved and that perhaps a signal will come from the Haitian military.

In Washington, Aristide is doing his best to prevent any last-minute solution. The exiled president and his supporters in the Congressional Black Caucus are pushing to "stop the clock" at the time of the 1991 coup, so that his term would not end in November 1995, as scheduled, but continue three years more. That would remove any incentive for a peaceful withdrawal by the generals. While affirming his support of Clinton's strategy, Richardson told a news conference Wednesday: "I think Aristide has got to stop dictating U.S. policy."

Bill Richardson's mission is not taken seriously by Washington officials dealing with Haiti, but the president and vice president might well consider its possibilities. In his screed Tuesday, Schrager declared that the congressman "put... illusions to rest" that there is lack of support in Congress for the Clinton policy. In fact, Richardson's efforts open an avenue for the president to find an alternative to a military adventure that is not supported by the Pentagon, the Congress or the nation.

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The case for
the baseball strike

Andrew Zimbalist

Field of Schemes

Since 1972, when collective bargaining became business as usual in baseball, there has been a work stoppage each of the seven times an agreement between team owners and players has been renegotiated. No. 8 could be the longest and bloodiest so far — and this time, the owners are responsible.

I realize that the conventional wisdom says the players are greedy. Indeed, a poll in early July by USA Today, Baseball Weekly found that 45 percent of fans blamed the players for the coming strike, versus 28 percent who blamed the owners. One can imagine why: Player salaries have increased at a rate of 19 percent per year. Median player salaries are \$410,000; average salaries are nearly \$1.2 million, more than sixty times the average yearly earnings of U.S. non-management private-sector employees. What's more, they're getting paid for playing a kids' game.

Yet the players are not striking because they want more money; they just want to be paid according to fair rules. (Full disclosure: I have served as a consultant to the players' union.) Like other workers, the players think their salaries should be governed primarily by the laws of supply and demand. Since the concept of free agency was introduced in 1976 — the result of previous struggles by the players' union — they have had limited free-market rights. Today, the owners want to roll back those rights through the imposition of a salary cap (a limit on the total amount a team's players can earn). The players are right to resist it.

When Barry Bonds is paid \$7.3 million per year by the

San Francisco Giants, it is because the team believes he will produce at least that much value. Does he? Hands down. In 1992, before signing Bonds, the Giants finished second-to-last in their division and attracted only 1.6 million fans to Candlestick Park. In 1993, with Bonds on board, the Giants tied for first, and attendance rose to 2.6 million. With average ticket prices at Candlestick at around \$10, and with the average fan spending another \$10 on things like parking and food, the extra 1 million fans increased the Giants' take by \$20 million, not counting additional revenues from stadium advertising and local TV and radio contracts.

Is Bonds single-handedly responsible for these gains? No. But he played a leading role in improving his team's fortunes, as have the other twelve major leaguers who earn more than \$5 million. Admittedly, not all players meet owners' expectations; many are overpaid. Yet many outperform expectations and are underpaid. That's life in the business world.

What about the owners' claim that franchises in small cities are losing money, and that only a salary cap can avert the problem? Although a handful of clubs may lose a little money in a particular year, it generally takes a small-market franchise with poor talent and wasteful management to go into the red. According to Financial World magazine, baseball's most trumpeted indigent team, the San Diego Padres, took in \$17.5 million in profits in 1993. In Pittsburgh, the Pirates, who recently convinced the city to lend them an additional \$8 million and to restructure their stadium lease, are said to have earned \$4 million last year. And the Cincinnati Reds, who occupy baseball's smallest media market, were profitable every year between 1984 and 1992.

with an average annual operating income of around \$10 million. (Reds owner Marge Schott was sued by her minority partners in 1991 for fudging team accounting records to show losses, so we have more hard details about the Reds' books than those of other teams.)

But even if the small-city franchises are potentially profitable, isn't it a problem that some teams eke out a single-digit profit while competing for player talent with big-city teams that earn up to \$50 million per year? In fact, competitive balance in baseball is better than ever. Dynasties like the New York Yankees and Los Angeles Dodgers no longer exist; an smallish franchise like Minnesota and Atlanta, for instance, have been at the forefront of the game for the past decade.

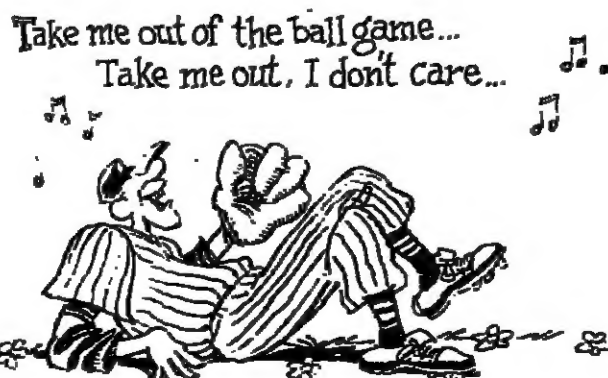
Well, what if competitive balance problems emerge? Suppose we agree that it is desirable to help out the financially fragile teams. Is the salary cap the way to do this? Absolutely not. It has only one purpose: to keep salaries down, with the ultimate effect of raising owner profits. As proposed, the cap would set total salaries at 50 percent of baseball's revenues (as opposed to 1994's market-driven level of 58 percent). In 1995 average team salaries and benefits would be about \$35 million. An adjustment of plus 10 percent or minus 15 percent would then be allowed, so that some teams could have payrolls as high as \$38.5 million and other teams could go as low as \$29.8 million. While this would force eleven teams to lower their payrolls, seven small-city teams would have to raise theirs. Three teams would have to increase their salaries by between \$9 million and \$16 million: the Padres (whose 1994 payroll was \$13.5

million), the Montreal Expos (\$18.7 million) and the Pirates (\$20.3 million). The owners have come up with a revenue-sharing plan to remedy this inequity, but in the case of these three teams, at least, the plan is reportedly so meager that it will scarcely make up for half the extra payroll costs required by the salary cap.

As it stands, the owners have refused to pledge not to unilaterally impose new restrictions on the players before the 1995 season. To break this impasse, Senator Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio introduced a bill earlier this summer that would have partly removed baseball's unique antitrust exemption, giving the players legal recourse to challenge the salary cap and other unnecessary trade restraints. But Metzenbaum's bill failed to make it out of the Judiciary Committee, whose members voted 11 to 7 to kill it. Interestingly, a majority of Democrats on the committee supported the owners, perhaps at the behest of retiring Senator George Mitchell, who is in line to become baseball's next commissioner.

The owners say they want a partnership with the players. If so, they should offer them full access to the accounting records — the real numbers as well as seats on the executive council that govern the sport. Giving the union a decision-making role can only improve management of the game and insure its continued prosperity. As long as the players don't have the same rights as other workers, baseball's greatest battles will continue to be fought off the field.

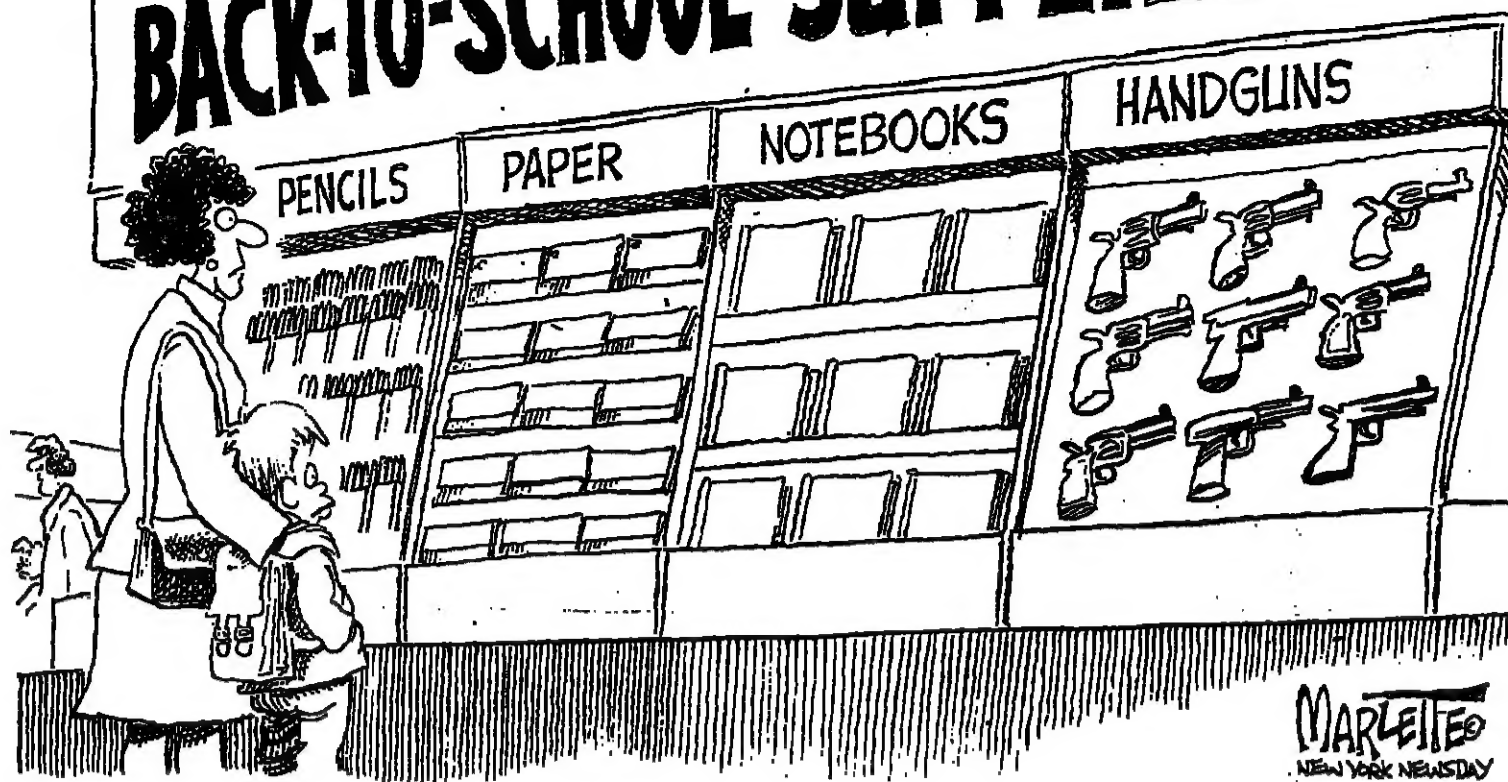
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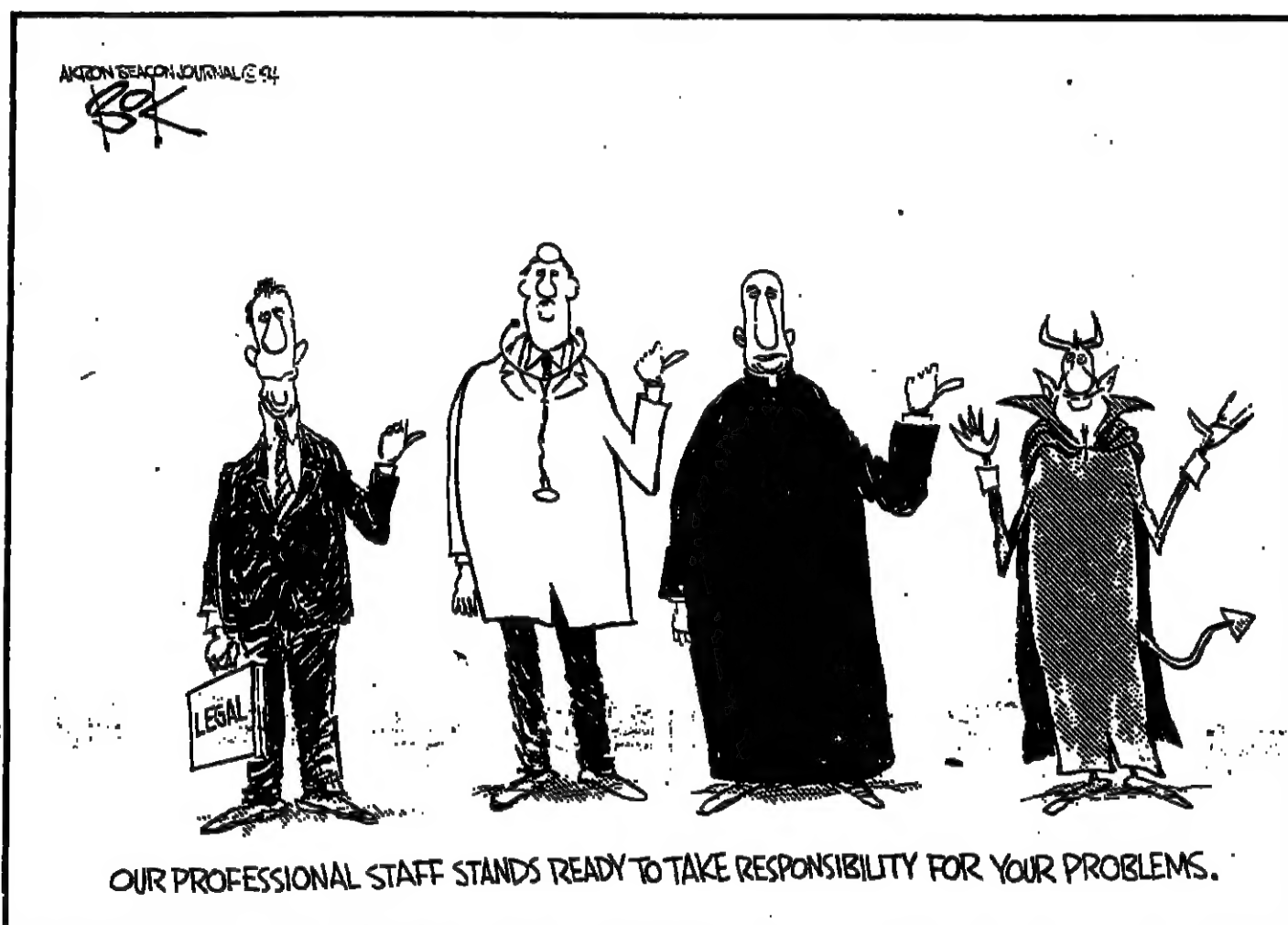
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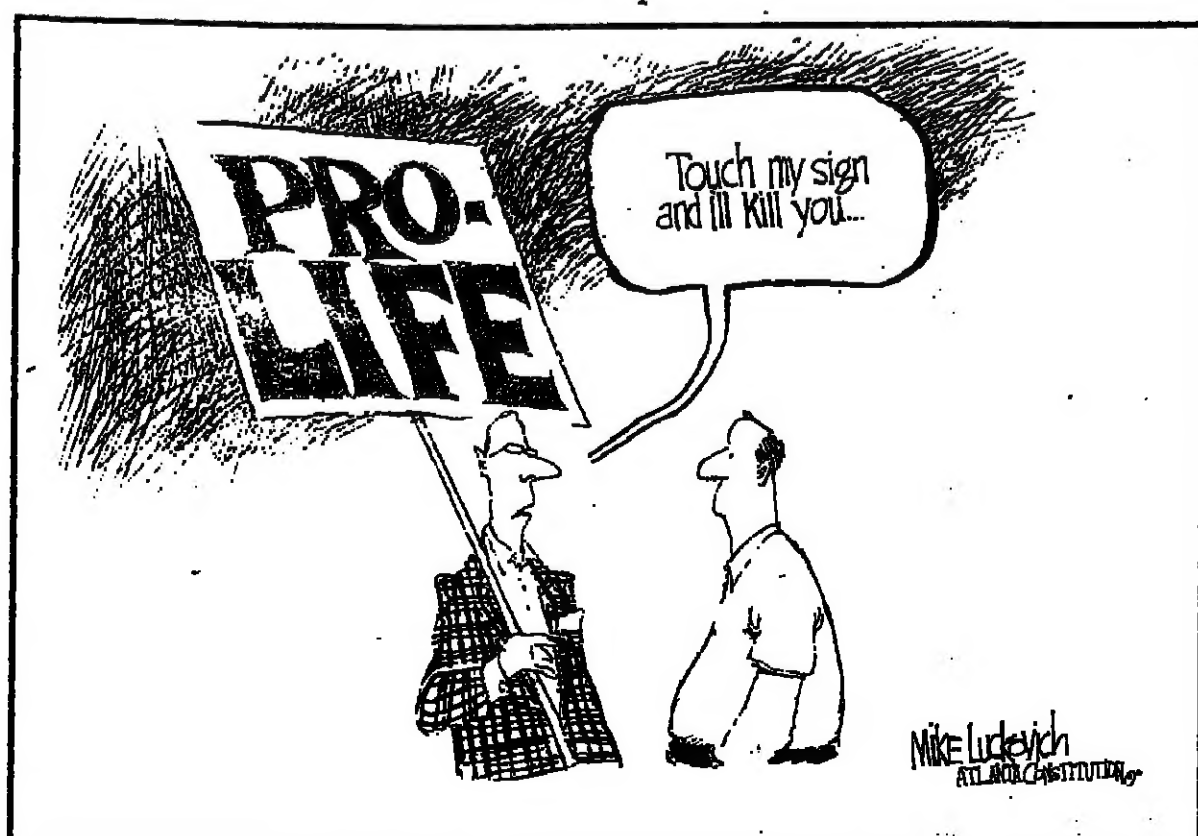
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Amnesty for PLO
Killers?

I recently returned from a week-long trip to Israel, which included a visit to Jericho and East Jerusalem. In Jericho, I witnessed joint policing efforts by Palestinian and Israeli policemen who shared the same vehicle. In East Jerusalem, the optimism over self-determination was apparent among many Arab businessmen. Most Israelis to whom I spoke supported the peace process and were hopeful that more than a half-century of bloody aggression against them would finally be over. There is clearly cause for some optimism, despite the shrill and sometimes violent opposition to the peace process from some Islamic and Jewish fundamentalists and radicals.

But there remain many obstacles on the long and bumpy road to peace. High on the emotional list of roadblocks is what to do with those PLO members who played a hands-on role in the terrorist killing of innocent civilians. In a column I wrote last year, at the beginning of the peace process, I raised the following hypothetical issue: "Consider what will happen the first time an Israeli mother whose baby was among the 21 children

neither Lewis nor Owen have been heard on the issue of amnesty for Palestinian war criminals.

The PLO has made its position clear on the responsibility of Nofal and Liftawi: "The person responsible on behalf of the Palestinian people for everything that was done in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is Yasir Arafat, and this man shook hands with Yitzhak Rabin." In other words, the PLO interprets the Arafat-Rabin handshake as total amnesty for all those who carried out war crimes under Arafat's direction.

The Israeli position is somewhat different. They expelled Nofal and Liftawi from Jericho and Gaza, while welcoming Arafat. This position, while not entirely consistent, has some moral plausibility. To make peace with the Palestinians requires amnesty for their leader. But it does not require Israel to welcome every murderer and hit man who snuffed the lives of Jewish children, women and old men. To put the issue in a context closer to home: What if the PLO were to appoint as its first Counsel General in New York the man who masterminded the blowing up of the World Trade

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That hypothetical became reality. On July 12, Mamdouh Nofal arrived in Gaza as part of Yasir Arafat's entourage. Nofal was the mastermind behind the murders of the children at Maalot. Along with him in the Arafat entourage was also Mustafa Liftawi, who was responsible for planning dozens of terrorist attacks against Israeli and Jewish targets.

By any definition of "crimes against humanity" or "war crimes," these terrorist attacks against children at play, men at prayer, women in the nursery, a man in a wheelchair, an ornithologist on a beach and travelers at airports, rank among the worst in post-World War II history. Many were directed at non-Israelis who happened to be Jewish or American. War crimes which target men, women and children on the basis of religion and nationality violate the most basic rules of civilized society. In a recent column in *The New York Times*, Anthony Lewis quoted Lord Owen, the international mediator in the Yugoslav conflict, as warning that "there can be no amnesty for criminals." Lord Owen went on to explain: "I believe the moral order of this world is marred if those who are guilty of war crimes are not brought to justice." Anthony Lewis agrees — about the conflict in Yugoslavia. But

Center. How would the families of those killed in the blast react? How would any American react? These are the kinds of questions Israelis who favor the peace process are confronting today. They worry whether they can trust "former" terrorists to protect Jericho and Gaza from becoming bases for further terrorist attacks. It took more than a quarter of a century before Israel would allow Menachem Begin or Yitzhak Shamir — whose terrorism was directed primarily against British military targets — to govern, yet the PLO wants to put its terrorist leaders into positions of responsibility while the blood has not yet dried.

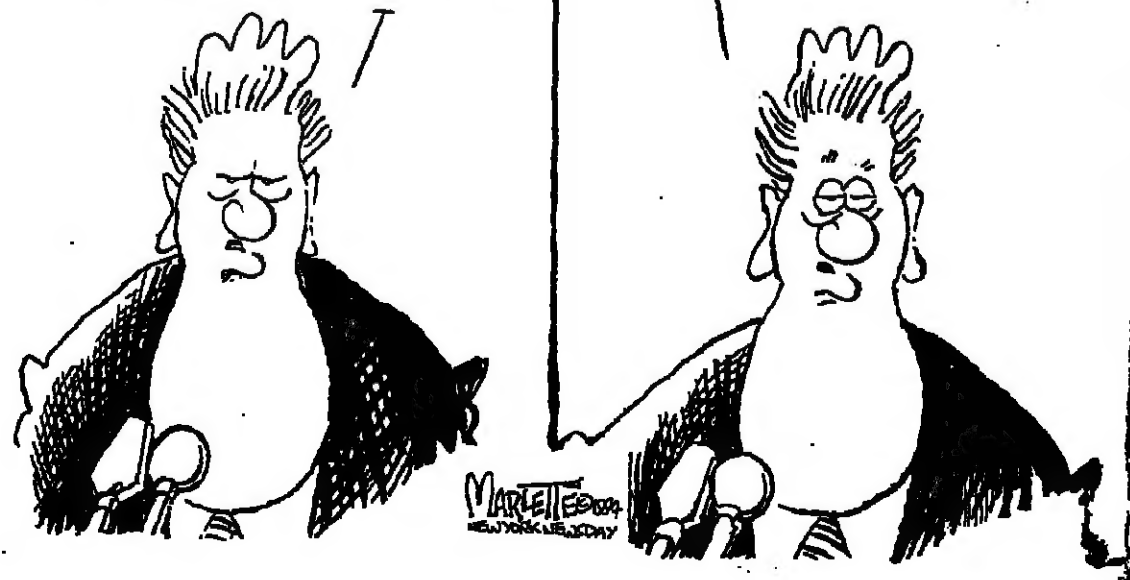
In the end, some pragmatic solution will have to be reached in the interest of peace. Any such resolution which does not prosecute the likes of Nofal and Liftawi will compromise Lord Owen's absolute views against any amnesty for war criminals. Indeed, Arafat's handshake has already resulted in such a compromise, since Arafat himself is a major war criminal, who personally ordered the murder of innocent civilian. Yet Arafat has been honored by the United Nations, welcomed by the Vatican, and applauded by Lord Owen himself.

In the realpolitik world of international diplomacy, there are no absolutes, even when it comes to war crimes.

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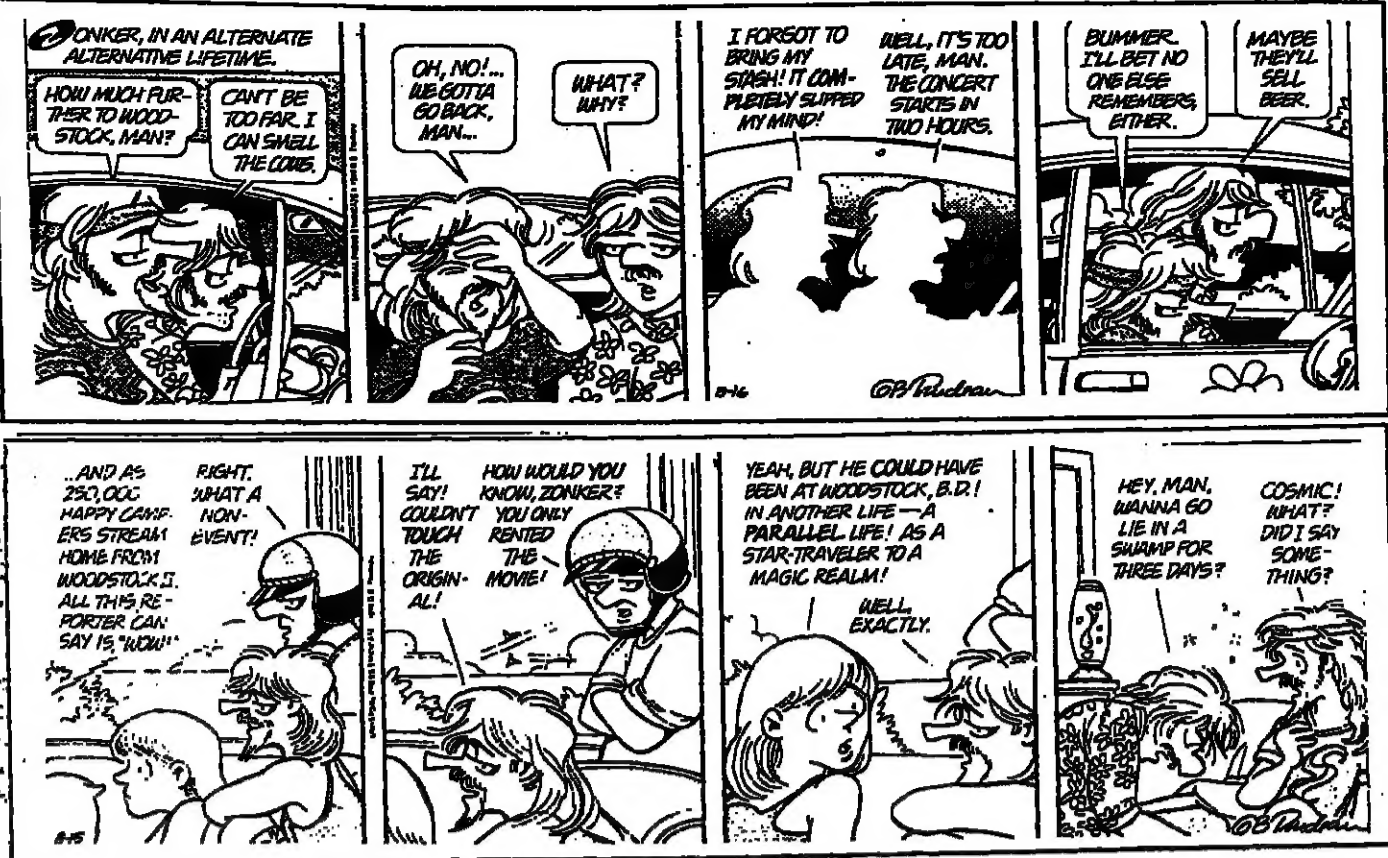
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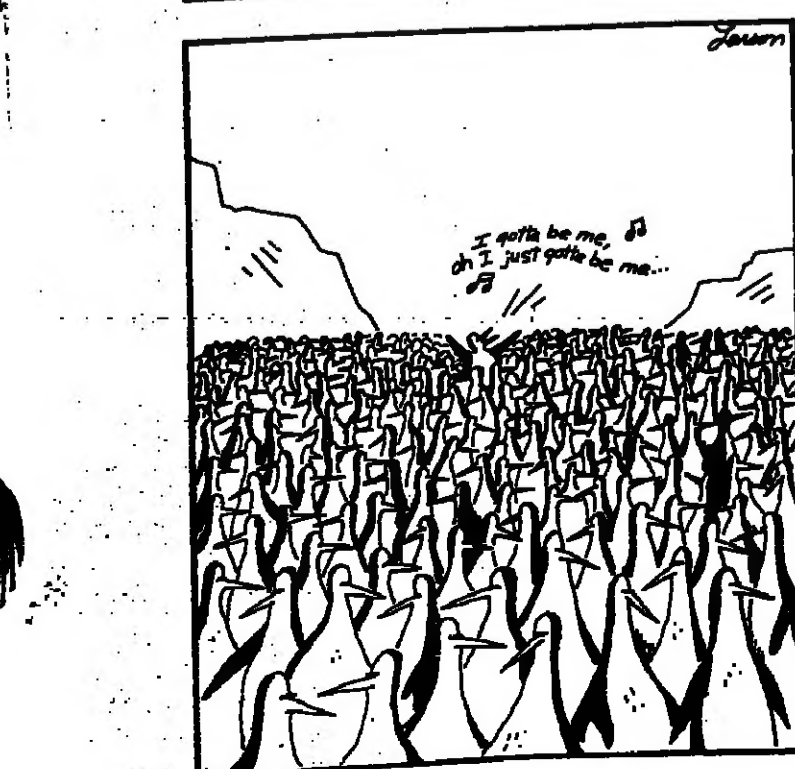
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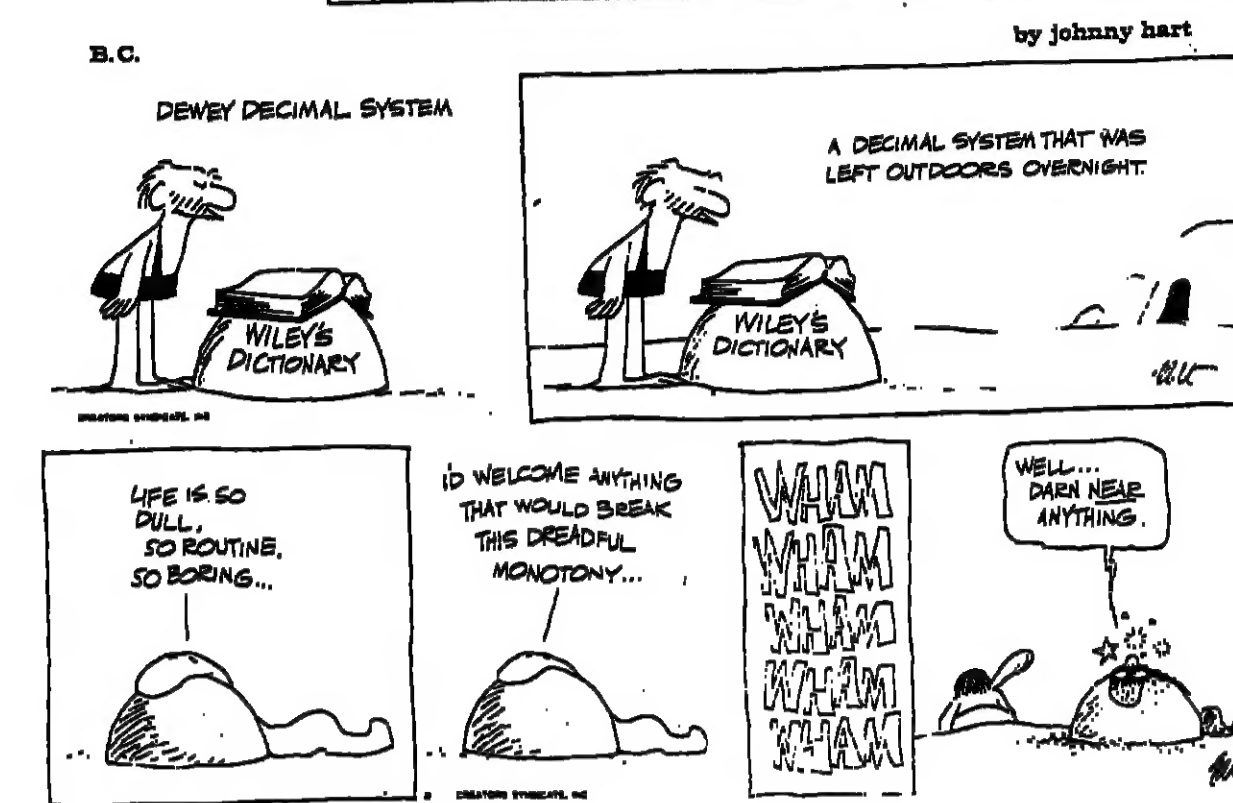
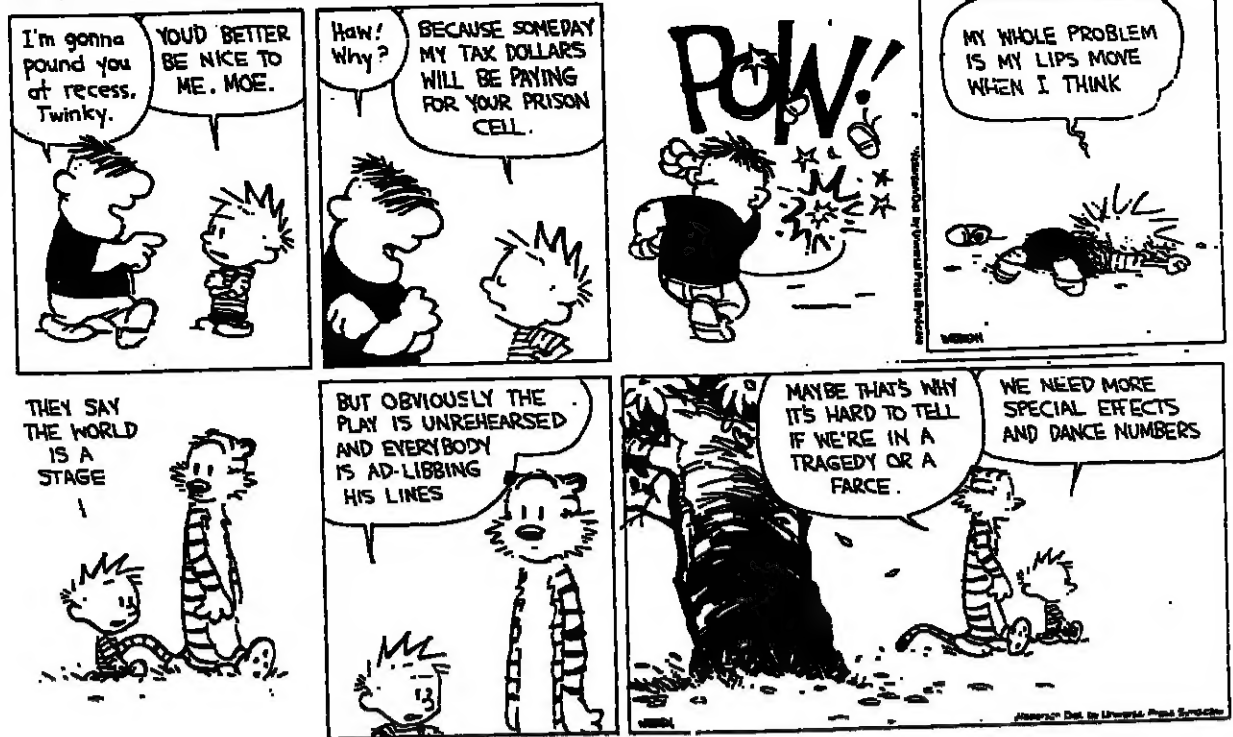
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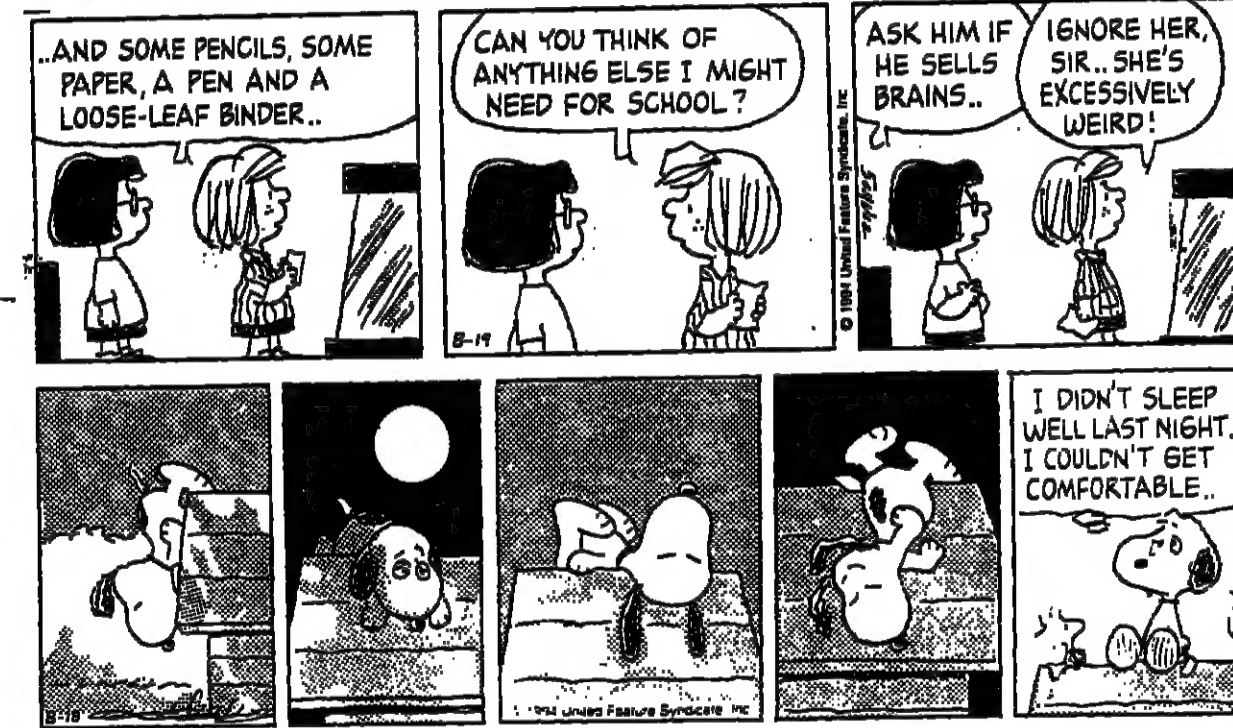
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Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: Every man has a right to be conceited until he is successful - Benjamin Disraeli

The flap over Bill Clinton's attack on Jerry Falwell, Rush Limbaugh, and conservative radio talk shows has provided an object lesson in some of the more unpleasant features of American politics.

We saw anew the stunning lack of historical knowledge among our "leaders," which helps fill so many political debates with misleading hyperbole. Clinton complained, "I don't suppose there's any public figure that's ever been subject to any more violent personal attacks than I have." Falwell, in turn, labeled Clinton "the most radical and controversial president in our nation's history." Perhaps neither man has ever heard of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

We were treated to an outburst of whining from the political right, who in the words of *New Republic* editor Michael Kinsley, can dish it out but not take it. After Clinton took Falwell to task for distributing a videotape that accuses the president — without a shred of evidence — of having arranged the murder of an Arkansas investigator, conservatives quickly accused Clinton of "religious bigotry" and "Christian-bashing." These charges were made all the more ludicrous by the fact that they came from the same folks who deride progressives for having a victim complex.

But the worst moment in the whole brouhaha, to my mind, was when Patrick Buchanan published a syndicated column crowing that the affair illustrated the strength and success of the conservative alternative media. The article was disturbing for a simple reason: Buchanan's assessment was, regrettably, all too accurate.

Buchanan pointed to the vast network of evangelical Christian TV shows, radio stations, bookstores and publishing houses, much of which has been built in the years since the 1960s. He bragged about the popularity of Rush Limbaugh and other conservative talk-show hosts, and approvingly noted the huge circulation enjoyed by the wide array of conservative periodicals such as the *Christian Coalition's Christian American*.

Even more depressing than what Buchanan said was what he didn't: During the same period that the right has been assiduously building a network of alternative media, the left (to the questionable extent that any such thing still exists as a unified extent) has placed less emphasis on media activism than at any time in this century.

Obviously, there are strong alternative media institutions of the left — among them, the nationwide network of Pacifica radio stations; Paper Tiger TV; pub-

lications like *The Nation*. But compared either to the conservative alternative media, or to the progressive alternative media of earlier periods, radical media today are small, fragmented and financially precarious.

By and large, they have not enjoyed anything like the level of fi-

nancial support from foundations and individuals that their conservative counterparts have. Right-wing foundations like the Olin Foundation heavily subsidize the right-wing media, and have done so for more than a decade.

Most left foundations and many wealthy progressive donors, in contrast, do not give money to radical publications, often as a matter of policy. They prefer to contribute to grassroots activist campaigns, often seeing activism and media as separate in a way that the right does not. But without either a substan-

that progressive foundations and donors have far less money to dispense than their right-wing equivalents. There is also the post-1960s supplanting of "the left" with a multitude of distinct radical subcultures. While the right has opted for a sort of sweeping populist media strategy, à la Limbaugh, many of the strongest new progressive media institutions have arisen within particular, identity-based communities: the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, for example, or the thriving network of feminist bookstores throughout the country. The political significance of these media is considerable. But by definition, they do not reach a cross-section of the American populace — or even of American progressives.

Alternative newsweeklies occupy another category. They boast more readers than all the other progressive periodicals put together, and often have quite radical politics. But it is their entertainment and lifestyle coverage which largely attracts the advertisers upon which they depend financially. Activism is not their *raison d'être*.

Back in the first decades of this century, a socialist publication called the *Appeal to Reason* sold as many as 4.2 million copies of an issue; an "Appeal Army" numbering 80,000 organizers vigorously sought out new subscribers. In the 1960s, there was an extraordinary flourishing of the so-called "underground press." Sadly, as we lumber through the last decade of the century, the momentum behind media activism has — temporarily, we can only hope — shifted to the right. ©1994 San Francisco Weekly

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Debt Again

Washington D.C. — In 1978, René Lemarchand, a Belgian anthropologist, was recruited to evaluate the success of a large development project in Rwanda. Started some four years earlier, the Rwanda Mutura Agriculture and Livestock Development Project's goal had been to help 9,000 poor and landless families by resettling them over 51,000 hectares of arable cattle ranching land. Instead, Lemarchand warned, the project had ignored critical ethnic and political factors in the country, so that its main effect was not to alleviate poverty but to create a patronage system for the dominant Hutu tribe, thereby reducing the resource base for the local Tutsis, cutting back their herds and grazing area.

The project managers ignored Lemarchand's warnings and not only refunded the project, but followed it up with a \$21 million project for commercial timber and agricultural settlements in another part of the country. The project funder was the World Bank. This month, the World Bank is quietly marking its 50th anniversary, amidst a rising clamor of criticism from environmentalists, human rights and religious groups, and indigenous peoples who argue that it must be changed or, even better, abolished.

Set up at the end of World War II, the World Bank was one of three organizations established to harmonize relations between the then colonies and the industrialized world. The International Monetary Fund was meant to oversee currency transactions; the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) was meant to harmonize trade among the industrial nations, and make sure the Third World kept on producing commodities at cheap prices; and the World Bank was set up to rebuild war-torn Europe, then later to modernize the Third World, financing the development of raw commodities and then hastening the import of manufactured goods.

As a chief enforcer of world economic order, the World Bank has become the most hated institution across the poor, southern stretches of the globe. And its reputation goes way back. In the 1970s, under then chairman Robert McNamara, the bank helped shore up right-wing military regimes around the world. It refused money to the democratically elected Goulart government in Brazil, then financed the coup regime that replaced him. It denied Allende aid in Chile, but jumped in to support Pinochet. In 1979, the bank reached new lows when it declared Nicolae Ceausescu's Romania a model for international development. But more than any other region, it is in sub-Saharan Africa that the World Bank has done the most harm. Over the last two decades, the poor countries of this vast region have found themselves owing more and more money to the World Bank and its sister organization, the IMF, through their acceptance of short-term economic relief in exchange for the bank's infamous "structural adjustment programs." These schemes enable short-term capital financing on the condition that the recipient nations implement programs to reduce and streamline government, privatize government-run industries, and stress the increased export of basic commodities while planning a growing reliance on import-based industries.

As 85 per cent of sub-Saharan exports come from trade in primary commodi-

ties such as coffee, cocoa, cotton, and copper, the World Bank encouraged massive increases in production of these commodities to help jump-start individual economies through increased export revenues.

But over the last few decades, thanks in part to the bank's own global policies, commodity prices have fallen steadily, in some cases reaching their lowest levels since the Great Depression. At the

same time, import prices have continued to rise so that the region's purchasing power has fallen by 50 per cent. As the *London Guardian* described it recently, "The stated aim was to set Africa on the path to export-led recovery.... (but) the bank was also aiming to reduce prices of agricultural exports: hence its encouragement to Latin American and Asian countries to compete with Africa in growing cocoa. Now, after a decade of adjustment, in which around 30 countries followed World Bank and IMF advice, living standards in Africa have fallen by 2 per cent annually and continue to fall. Unemployment has quadrupled to more than 100 million and real wages have fallen by a third."

But despite being victims of a lunatic World Bank policy, these struggling countries must make a good show at repaying their growing debt. So much so that World Bank loans ostensibly made for economic development are in fact used to repay existing debt held by the IMF. In fact, the money never even leaves Washington, simply moving

ence of leading environmentalists that "the World Bank has been part of the (environmental) problem in the past." Outlining a blueprint for action, Conable set about "greening up" the World Bank. One of these new initiatives was the Global Environment Facility, with which the bank sought to monopolize future environmental funding around the world. The subject of great secrecy inside the bank, the GEF was spurred not by environmentalists, but by the bank's financial division, and soon became the main international mechanism for funding environmental projects around the world.

To get things going, the bank launched a model project in the Republic of the Congo, costing \$10 million and aimed at protecting the biodiversity in the rich virgin Nouabele rain forest in the north of the country. Bruce Rich, in his scathing book on the World Bank entitled *Mortgaging the Earth*, describes how this outwardly laudable project was in fact no more than a PR device to restart a Congo timber exploitation project that

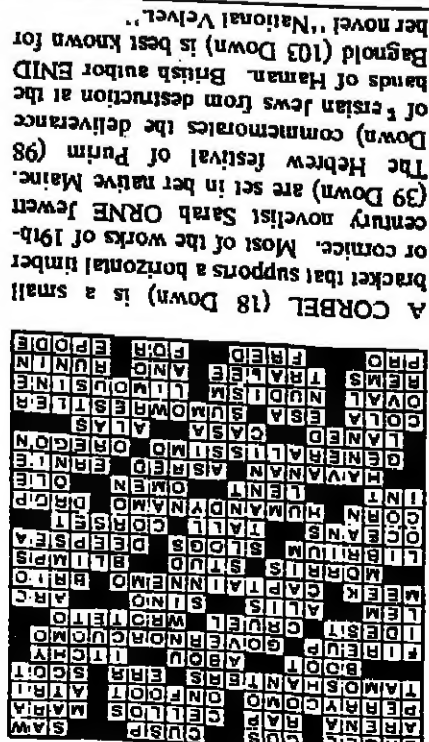
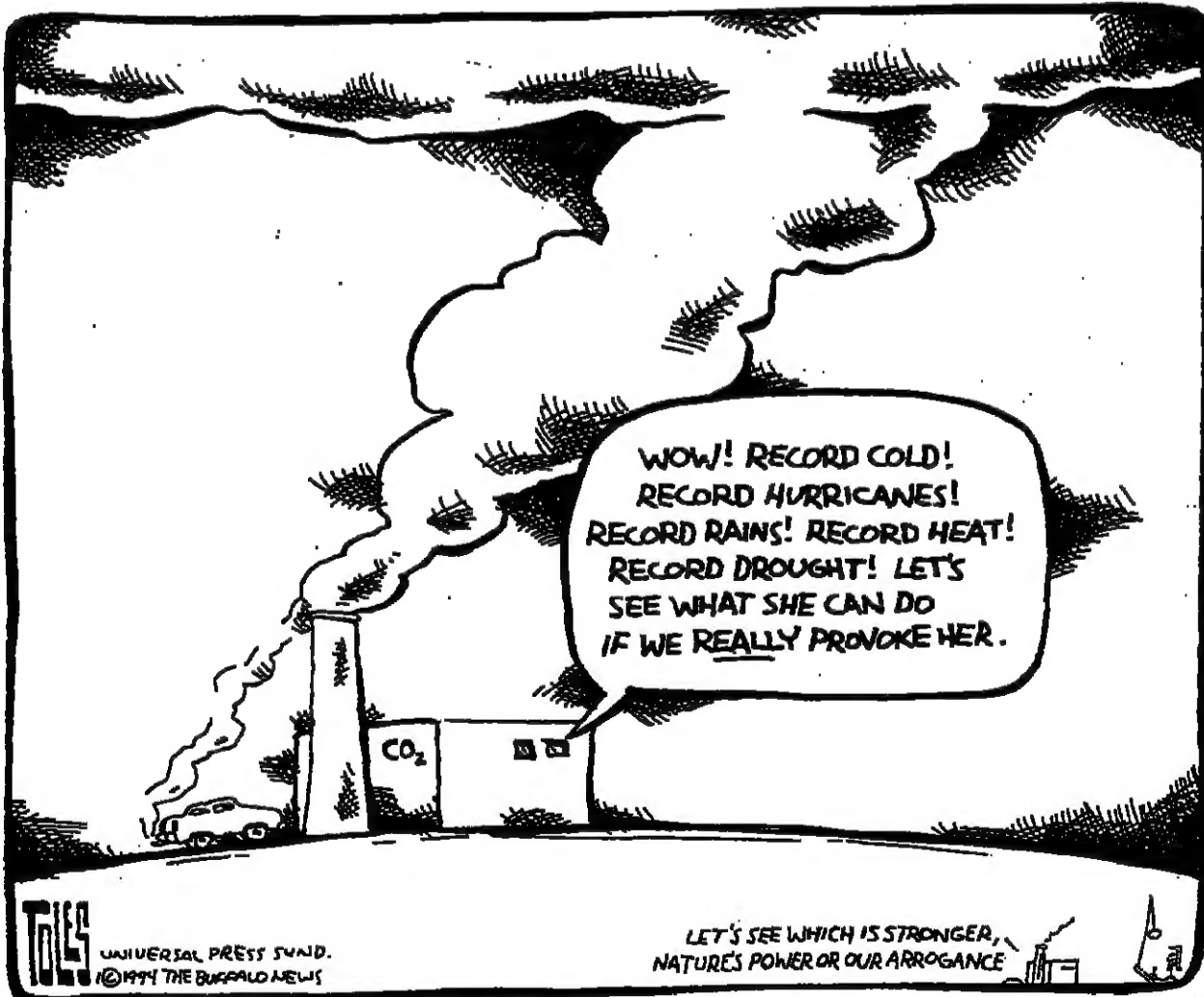
had stalled within the bank because of outside criticism.

"Unbeknownst to the GEF donor governments," Rich writes, "the Congo Natural Resources Management Project's main purpose — to cite World Bank project preparation documents — was to 'bring forestry exploitation back to life' so that it would 'regain its former place as the most stable foreign exchange earner for the Congo.'" Far from

the world's most powerful rivers — the Ganges, the Brahmaputra, and the Meghna — the flood plains of which make up most of Bangladesh. Under the proposed plan, 8 million people will have to be resettled, and according to U.S. AID, with its current configuration, the scheme won't even alleviate current flooding. But the flood action plan, projected to take somewhere between 20 and 30 years to complete, and consisting of 8000 kilometers of embankments along the three major rivers, will interfere with the migration paths of Bangladesh's fish population — the source of 80 per cent of the country's protein. And in Chile, the World Bank has put together \$170 million in financing for the first in a series of six mega-dams and hydroelectric power stations on the Bio Bio River, Chile's main river. Running through an isolated, ecologically diverse valley, the first of the six dams, the Pangue Project, would change the river's temperature and silt flow, destroying indigenous communities, disrupting the river's ecosystem, and displacing thousands of people, not to mention affecting water quality for thousands downstream. It is this 40-year litany of disaster that has earned the World Bank its unenviable reputation around the world, and has increasingly raised questions on both sides of the political spectrum here in the U.S. about this country's continued participation in the bank. On the one hand, liberals may not like World Bank projects, but at the same time, conservatives have questioned throwing tax dollars into the sort of overseas development seemingly duplicated by U.S. AID, and which often ends up backfiring.

Moreover, the bank is a flop on its own terms. According to a recent study on the UN system by Erskine Childers and Brian Urquhart, an internal assessment of 1,800 current bank projects in 131 countries involving loans totaling \$138 billion reported that 37.5 per cent of projects completed in 1991 were deemed failures. "You can't have development without somebody getting hurt," David Hopper, the bank's vice-president for South Asia once remarked. "We're going in as new carpenters and are likely to botch the first job, but we'll learn." Fifty years after its inception, the World Bank is proving to be a very slow student.

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Watch the eyes for a good family portrait

DAVID BRAUNER
ON CAMERA

MODERN family photography has been called "photography for the people," and reflects the private, home and holiday lives of its subjects.

However, the roots of the family snapshot are in the studios of yesteryear. Look at almost any family album: The posed studio group, or "tableau vivant," was the standard of our parents' and grandparents' age.

Everything about these portraits was formal, static. There was the gloomy painted backdrop and the unusual wooden chair or plush settee. Invariably, people wore their best clothes, every hair was in place and nobody smiled.

The scene was a social statement. Externally, it portrayed the family as it wished to be perceived by the outside world. Internally, the family grouping's "power" relationships were established.

The father, head of the family, stood stern, sometimes with a protective hand on the sitting mother's shoulder. The children were arranged in order of age, the youngest seated lowest. Little girls might have been given a doll to hold, and the boys a book.

I have vivid memories of my first and only visit to a photographer's studio as a child of two. It inspired the same fear as a later first visit to the dentist. The studio was cold and dark, the camera big and intimidating. I cried and would not be consoled.

As cameras became more common, studios began to die out. The very accessibility of photography has made family photography obviously less professional. Life now is also more informal, especially here in Israel.

Our photography, then, should reflect this, for the life of our families in pictures and albums is micro-history. Here is On Camera's recipe for making photography a fun family project.

Carefully load up the camera with a whole roll of film and fresh batteries. Call in a willing relative or neighbor to take the pictures. (If no one is available, you can still get the whole family in if your camera is equipped with a self-timer. Place the camera on some books, a box or even a wide-mouthed jar near the forward end of a table. Be sure the edge of the table is not included in the bottom of the viewfinder. Leave enough margin so that you do not cut off legs and arms, but not so much that the family does not fill the whole frame.)

As with all people photography, pay particular attention to eyes, making sure that they are open when the shutter is released. Next, not entirely discounting the traditions of the old studio, round up the family dog or cat and bring in the baby. Or let the kids "dress up" in some of Mom's and Dad's clothes. Or gather around the new car or computer. We're making family history.

In the family setting, the consciousness of posing is less likely to be a problem. Always take a minimum of two if not three pictures of each scene. If the kids get "ketchy," give it a rest or try some other place or amusement.

Indoors, bring in as much available light as possible, even if using flash. Natural light reduces red-eye. And if possible, seek a dark background, so that the black, flash-produced shadows will be less obvious.

When you get your pictures back, you could pick out the best one or two and have them duplicated for this year's personalized Rosh Hashana cards. The shops I checked don't normally give reductions for quantity, but you can always ask.

If you are already having cards printed, ask the printer to leave a blank space for the family picture. Even better, buy some light, colored card and felt-tipped pens and set the children to work making and writing out cards, again leaving space for a picture. Stick the picture onto the card with a dry glue stick, being careful not to get too near the edge of the picture. Family photos are a great way to say Happy New Year.



The posed studio group was the standard for a generation ago. (Reproduction by D. Brauner)

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Absolutely, positively don't look behind you

KISHON'S KEYHOLE
EPHRAIM KISHON

NO one can deny that man has achieved tremendous progress on earth. Since he started walking upright, man succeeded in subduing the forces of nature. He invented the zipper and solved the mysteries of Creation, including those of outer space. Only in one field has he failed miserably, one extraordinary phenomenon he will never be able to control: women turning around.

Because they do, especially my little wife. Whenever we are sitting in a place of public entertainment, be it a cafe, stadium or cinema, and I spot behind the woman's back people I don't want to recognize in any circumstances, I only have to whisper to her, "the Zelig just came in. Don't turn around!"

And she immediately turns around. At once, without a moment's hesitation, in the most conspicuous way possible. She stares at the Zelig with wide, guileless eyes and I sink into the ground terribly embarrassed. (Apparently they are getting divorced.)

After such incidents I find myself foaming at the mouth, and I try to explain to the wife that an adult person... after all, what's going to happen if we can't... and that there are delicate situations where one definitely... whereupon the little woman answers that nothing really happened; the Zelig had not noticed her at all.

The hell they hadn't. Zelig had hardly come in when he demonstratively turned his back on us and only his wife had given us a long glance, though Zelig had probably ignored her not to turn around. Anyway, now they know that we spoke about them and that's most unpleasant.

But there is nothing one can do in this matter. One might as well talk to the walls; it's a cry in the wilderness. Time and again I practically drop on my knees as I beseech my spouse, "under no circumstances, you hear," I hiss at her behind my hand, "under no circumstances, please, under no circumstances, don't you..."

By then she has turned around, her inquisitive eyes gaping at the people I didn't want to look at. She always spots them by a sort of built-in radar.

This state of havoc has been going on for years now. From time to time I resort to desperate tricks - for instance, while warning her, "don't turn," I look furtively to the right when as a matter of fact Siegler, who owes me NIS 2,000, has just come in on the left, so the wife immediately looks left and Siegler knows that I mentioned his debt. It's so unpleasant.

Some time ago I consulted a psychiatrist. I describe the situation in all its seriousness. He understood me only too well.

"My wife also swivels," he confessed. "It's an awful legacy dating way back to the Tree of Knowledge. It expresses itself in a morbid lust to break the Commandments. We all remember the story of Lot's wife. He implored her, 'Don't look around!' The rest is history. Women! But it seems there is a simple remedy: instead of prohibiting, you should explicitly command her to turn around."

That made sense. Last night, in one of the restaurants, I applied the preventive method. As soon as Bar-Honi came in - he had embezzled NIS 100,000 and was now having a tough time in court - I addressed the little woman: "quick, turn around!" I threw at her. "Bar-Honi just came in!" She turned around at once and rested her eyes searchingly on the shaken man. I almost died of shame. I think I'll travel down to Sodom and check that pillar of salt. I have a feeling that it is actually Mr. Lot.

Translated by Yohanan Goldman

Chaim Weizmann: Prototype of a symbolic president

THERE AND THEN
SRAYA SHAPIRO

THE responsibilities for the office of president of the State of Israel were tailored to suit the first one to hold the post - Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

Although he wanted to wield more power than stipulated by the limitations of the office, Weizmann's advanced age and frail health forced him to accept the post's largely ceremonial duties.

His successors have all, for the most part, fallen into this pattern. In Hanassi Harishon ("The First President," published by the Defense Ministry, 138 pp.), Weizmann's personal secretary, Yigal Kimche, praises the man who was his "boss" for nearly four years.

Kimche was a young intelligence officer when someone in the Jewish Agency recommended him for service with Weizmann. On December 20, 1948, Kimche presented himself at Weizmann's office in Tel Aviv.

"I have had three secretaries so far; I hope I'll end my career with you," was how Weizmann greeted him. Vera Weizmann, when she came to bring her husband home, had only one question, "are you a sabra?" She was glad to learn he was.

The presidency was considered a fit recognition for long years of service rendered to the nation.

And Weizmann certainly fit the bill. Among his many achievements, his greatest hour was when he secured the Balfour Declaration promising British support for the establishment of a national home for the Jews in Palestine.

The presidency was a symbol. Weizmann was often reminded, and occasionally, he grew sardonic about it. "A symbol of what, they need my name only," he mused. "That's why they have chosen me?"

He performed his duty meticulously, though he abhorred ceremonies.

On the morning he was to receive a foreign diplomat he would dress in a blue suit with a carefully selected tie. For foreigners he reserved his half-smile that had won over so many great men he had encountered.

He knew nobody expected him to wield influence. The passivity of his office occasionally exasperated him, at which times he would "rage like a lion in his cage," Kimche said. "I was afraid to come near him."

After taking leave of a diplomatic visitor, Weizmann felt like Don Quixote after fighting the windmills, Kimche observed. "It was another corpse in the diplomatic corps," Weizmann quipped.

Like his nephew today, Weizmann refused to blindly sign amnesty papers on the justice minister's recommendation. He insisted on knowing the circumstances of the case and the reasons for the pardon.

However, once, after a distant relative intervened on behalf of a prisoner, Weizmann told Kimche to bring the papers without delay, because he would confirm anything the minister had decided without reading it.

Though not observant, Weizmann respected religion, stating that "I think we must make it clear



Weizmann fit the bill of president - a person recognized for long years of service rendered to the nation. (GPO)

from the outset that, while we respect religious feelings, the state will not be able to set the clock back and let religion become the principal vehicle in running the country.

"Religion will be restricted to synagogues, family and schools. It will not be allowed to supervise the workings of the government offices," he said.

What would Weizmann say today about Shas? Jerusalem "symbolizes our goal," Weizmann stressed. "I understand that others, too, are attached to Jerusalem. I respect them. I hope appropriate arrange-

ments will be made for holy places, but one cannot imagine a foreign regime imposed on the Jerusalem of the Hebrews."

He loved his Rehovot residence. The tall cypresses in his garden reminded him of Jews in prayer shawls.

He enjoyed sitting in his rose garden, shadowed from the morning sun, appreciating the fragrance of the citrus orchards.

"It is a nice place to be buried in," Weizmann once remarked, as if in passing. But it was a wish that was observed.

Weizmann appreciated people not only for their brains but for their warmth of heart.

David Ben-Gurion and the cabinet ministers were all very exceptional, doing a great job for the nation, Weizmann observed. But the one he liked most was Eliezer Kaplan, whose sense of constructive compromises corresponded to what Weizmann most appreciated about the British.

Indeed, Weizmann remained an Anglophile until the end, although on two occasions at least, he felt he was badly let down by British attitudes - when the Zionist Congress failed to re-elect him to the helm to protest British policy in Palestine and when the British refused his offer at the start of World War II to devote all his energies to research the way he did at the start of World War I.

If Weizmann had had his way, the function of a president of Israel would have been copied from the Czech example, "so that at least one post [would not] be split by political fights," he wrote to Moshe Sharet - the man whom he had treated as his spiritual son.

But when he realized that it would not be so, other things worried him more. He once dictated Kimche a letter to a friend in which he complained of "Byzantine show of force," shown by the decision makers in Israel.

"I understand that we are in the midst of a war, but the Moloch of the military policy grips everything in his hands," Weizmann said. "I think this cannot go on for long. And because I see no chance for change, I've decided to give up the task with which I have been entrusted."

But he never signed or sent this and similar letters, Kimche said.

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Kayaker spreads Goodwill in Russia

TIPOPA TEMPLEMAN

KAYAKER Nevo Eitan, the sole Israeli representative to the Goodwill Games, returned home from St. Petersburg last week with a fourth-place finish to add to his laurels.

The 20-year-old Israeli participated in the 500- and 1000-meter races. He missed the bronze by .21 second, behind America's 1988 and 1992 Olympic team member Michael Herbert. The gold medal was awarded to Norway and the silver to Russia.

Although kayaking enjoys popularity in the European countries surrounded by water, it remains a relatively unknown sport here. However, there are more than 150 registered members of the Israeli Kayaking Federation, according to Chairman Dan Amper, and nature is on our side.

Blessed with the Kinneret on one bank and the Mediterranean on the other, Israel has the geographic means to give rise to a new generation of kayakers. The relatively warm winters entice paddlers from Eastern Europe to abandon ship in search of our peaceful shores.

There are currently two kayaking clubs on the Kinneret, two more on the Mediterranean, and one in Eilat. Kayaking is becoming a major player in Israel's list of pastime fun.

The 5-foot-10, 169 lb. Eitan, who was recently released from the special army program for gifted athletes, first attracted attention after winning the 1992 World Junior Championships in Hamburg. Previously, he had won numerous Israeli championships at the children's, junior, and senior levels.

His move to the senior ranks was not smooth, however. At the 1993 World Championships for seniors in Copenhagen, he placed a discouraging 13th. Eitan explains, "In kayaking specifically, the transfer from junior to senior rank is a difficult one. A kayaker peaks at age 25-26 because of the immense physical and mental strength that the sport requires. As a result, a top junior has many years ahead of him before he tops the senior ranks."

Next month, Eitan will resume his training regimen with sights set on the doubly important 1995 World Championships. Aside from the pres-



THE YOUNG MAN AND THE SEA - Nevo Eitan trains on the Kinneret.

sure posed by the intensity of this level of competition, the '95 Worlds also serve as the cut-off for Olympic qualification. Eitan must place in the top nine to be eligible for Atlanta '96.

It seems as though Eitan was predestined to be a kayaker. A fourth generation Israeli, he has lived all his life on the family farm on Moshava Kinneret on the outskirts of Tiberias. The younger of two siblings in his close-knit and supportive family, he began paddling at nine. He joined Hapoel Eneq Yezreel, the largest of Israel's kayaking clubs, where he still

trains. His current mentor, national team coach Aviram Mizrahi teaches them.

Kayaking is a very technical sport. The feet, legs, arms, back, and stomach muscles act in unison to steer the kayak. With weather and sea conditions struggle to change, the kayaker must strive to gain full control of the vessel. Eitan runs great distances, swims, and lifts weights to build up the muscle needed to steer the kayak and keep his level of physical fitness throughout the excruciatingly competitive season.

He hopes to begin university studies after the Olympic Games and study either economics or psychology. "I would like to connect my field to the sport of kayaking and contribute to its development."

"Before a race, I do not think of my opponents as the enemy. I am the enemy. The race is in my own hands."

Although Eitan has been successful, he has not attracted the endorsements that are heaped on athletes in more popular sports. His training and

traveling expenses are covered by the IKF, the Israel Olympic Committee, and the Wingate Institute. He hopes that his recent success will enable him to track down sponsors to assure future medals in the 1995-96 campaign.

What is it then that attracts him to this unglamorous sport? "A kayaker is alone with nature. It is just you, the boat, and the water. As the waves crash against my kayak, I feel the purifying effect of the water. There is much more to kayaking than a monotonous motion with a paddle."

NBA's Stern: To send less than our best would be patronizing

TORONTO (AP) - Against the best of the world could offer in the 1992 Olympics, the US's Dream Team I won its gold-medal game by 32 points over Croatia. This month, Dream Team II was 46 points ahead of Russia in the final of the World Championship.

More of the same will be in store for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta unless the US sends a decidedly weaker team. That seems unlikely. "We proved again that the US has the best basketball players in the world," NBA commissioner David Stern said after Dream Team II's 137-91 victory over the Russians in the title game last week. "We've been asked by FIBA (the international governing body for basketball) to send the best players, and we're committed to do that. Anything less is patronizing to the world of basketball."

Some have suggested to Stern and US coach Don Nelson that several college players be mixed in with the NBA stars to make the competition more even. Both said they didn't like the idea. "No one asks Norway not to send the best cross-country skiing team they can," Stern said.

"As long as we bring our best players, we can prove we're the best for a long time," Nelson said. "If there are college players as good as

the pros, then they should be invited. But it's only fair that we send men against their men, not men against boys."

Russia coach Sergei Belov, a key player on the Soviet Union's 1972 Olympic championship team, had to send an exhausted team against a US squad that Nelson kept rested and ready. The Russians had just 15 hours from the end of an emotional semifinal victory over favored Croatia until the start of the gold-medal game against Dream Team II.

But he wasn't begging for mercy after the game.

"The more interaction between NBA and other players in the world, the better it is for basketball," Belov said.

US captain Joe Dumars said he doesn't see the gap closing in the foreseeable future.

"Right now, the world can play with us for 10 or 20 minutes," Dumars said. "It has taken a long time for them to get that close. I know for sure that no one is ready to stay with us for 40 minutes."

The 137 points that Dream Team II scored in the gold-medal game was the equivalent of a 164-point game in a regulation 48-minute NBA game.

The world's chances might improve if the international 3-point line was moved back from 20'3", which is 3'2" closer than the NBA standard.

NY Marathon celebrates silver anniversary

NEW YORK (AP) - The silver anniversary year of the New York City Marathon will mean lots of runners and lots of cash, officials say.

The 25th annual marathon this fall is expected to draw some 27,000 runners and \$100 million to New York, according to Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and race director Fred Lebow. They gave the estimates at a marathon lottery drawing outside City Hall to select 5,000 participants from more than 40,000 applicants, most of them Americans.

Earlier this summer, 12,000 runners were accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Another 10,000, representing 90 nations, also will take part in the November 6 run.

Giuliani, who described himself as "a sprinter, not a long-distance runner," praised Lebow for starting the marathon in Central Park 25 years ago with only 126 runners. The race now courses through the city's five boroughs.

A little bit of spring training

JOE HOFFMAN

GRAND Slam Baseball camp, at Kibbutz Gezer, is turning on the younger generation to America's national pastime.

Director Randy Kahn rounded up 88 kids between the ages of 8-14 for the one- or two-week sleepover camp experience which leaves nothing to chance. With his horde of certified Wingate Institute coaches, the enthusiastic youngsters are instructed in all facets of baseball, from learning the art of hitting or throwing a curve ball, the proper way to lay down a bunt, round second base or hit a double play.

And the kids love the regimen. Kahn is in perpetual motion, barking out commands, remembering names and keeping the youngsters from getting cooked in the heads by the impenetrable balls flying every which way. The whole set-up looks like Vero or Pompano Beach, just with smaller ballplayers.

"Israel has the same topography and climate as southern California," says assistant coach and former Major League Tom Johnson, "and look at how many superstars that part of the world has turned out."

The 6-foot-2 right-hander, who pitched from 1974-78 with the Minnesota Twins, is also very active back in the States raising money for Kahn's venture.

"Now that there are enough committed individuals to teach the fundamentals of the game - which is step No. 1 - it's time for the next step. Build more fields."

A typical day includes intensive baseball drills in the morning, swimming in the afternoon and evening screenings of baseball films - everything from instructional films to the game's greatest plays to *Field of Dreams*.

"The instructional films are most helpful," says Kahn. "The kids have very few chances to see baseball played here, and when I compliment them on great hits or catches, they don't quite believe me until they see



THE ROOKIE AND THE VET - Avi Deutsch, 8, with former Minnesota Twins pitcher Tom Johnson.

the real thing themselves. Then they say 'Hey, I did that!'

This year's camp has just ended, but next year's rookie crop can sign

up by phoning 09-950229.

The Tom Johnson story will appear in September 2's Jerusalem Post Magazine.

Asprilla, Baggio are Parma's title hopes

ROME (Reuters) - Parma's hopes of capping a meteoric rise to the top of Italian soccer by winning a first league title depend on the fortunes of two stars who experienced vastly different World Cup fates.

Colombian Faustino Asprilla - arguably the biggest flop of the World Cup - and Italy star Dino Baggio, who enhanced his reputation as a combative midfielder, have the talent to make Parma the main threat to AC Milan's bid for a record-tying fourth league title.

But Parma coach Nevio Scala knows neither player has shown his true colors in the league - and must be wondering if either one ever will. Asprilla, 24, a sleek and gifted striker, faces a make-or-break season at the helm of Parma's attack after failing to live up to high expectations at the World Cup.

Baggio, a tall midfielder who scored key goals as Italy took the runners-up spot to Brazil in the US, must now prove he can perform week in week out in the Serie A after his summer move from Juventus.

Troubled by a series of injuries, Baggio had a poor season with Juventus last year. Parma is his fourth club in five seasons and he has never really reproduced his Italy form at league level.

Parma, a second-division club just five years ago, has sky-rocketed to the top of European soccer after winning the Italian Cup in 1992, the Cup Winners' Cup in 1993 and the European Supercup in 1994.

They finished fifth last year - nine points behind Milan - after failing to maintain sparkling early form. As they prepare for another assault on the title, Asprilla and Baggio may hold the key to the final crowning glory of Parma's rise, but Scala can rely on a galaxy of stars.

Wracked by guilt, shame, Christy Henrich wasted away

INDEPENDENCE (AP) - Her pale skin a ghostly, grayish white, her gums bleeding and her heartbeat irregular, Christy Henrich withered to little more than a skeleton.

She was engaged to be married and still hadn't reached puberty at 22, her emaciated body tricked into perpetual childhood by a self-inflicted starvation diet that led to her death.

"My face is so fat," Henrich insisted, staring with revulsion into a mirror during therapy for anorexia nervosa and bulimia last summer. She had wide cheekbones and once was teased for looking like a chipmunk.

Now, there was nothing but skin on bone, yet the image she saw was fat. Many saw the tragic wasting of her body. Harder to detect was the torturous shame she hid away until it was too late.

She had been hospitalized more than 15 times since 1990, her final year of competition as one of America's top gymnasts. She once yanked out an intravenous tube and let it drip into a wastebasket, we tried the sugar water would make her fat.

Psychologists and nutritionists worked with her, and physicians treated arrhythmia of her heart, ulcers of the esophagus, bleeding kidneys and other ailments that led to what would officially be called "multiple organ system failure" upon her death last month.

"My life is a horrifying nightmare," she once said. "It feels like there's a beast inside of me, like a monster. It feels evil."

Henrich grappled with shame throughout therapy last summer. It was a desperate time, perhaps her last real chance to save herself, and she ultimately quit in exhaustion.

"She felt shame toward everything in her life and it drove her obsessive compulsive behavior, her perfectionism, her self-punishment," said Dr. Gail Vaughn, a psychotherapist for addictive disorders who counseled

Henrich and her family for four months. "She was afraid of failure. She was terrified of being fat."

Much has been made of an offhand comment from a judge at a 1988 meet in Hungary. Henrich, at 4-feet-11 and 95 lbs took the old woman's remark to mean she was fat. She'd long believed the Soviet and Romanian girls were beating her because they were thinner.

That night Henrich repeatedly asked coach Al Fong if he thought she was fat. Fong failed to reassure her.

After that, Henrich ate only small salads and apples - apart from blinges of fast-food burgers and fries she threw up.

But Vaughn noted that Henrich had paid extraordinary attention to food since age 9. Yet she loved to cook and would pile other people's plates high with food.

More significant than the judge's misinterpreted remark, Vaughn said, was a misplaced sense of responsibility that evolved out of Henrich's status as the center of attention in both her family and the gym.

Henrich felt guilt for all the sacrifices her family made and for taking attention from her older brother, Paul. She wanted the attention but felt shame at getting it, Vaughn said.

Henrich was so clever at concealment that neither her coach nor her parents noticed anything wrong for about a year and a half after she began virtually starving herself.

"I started noticing hints of a problem in 1989 when she was struggling, having trouble finishing skills that six months before she could do without even blinking an eye," Fong said.

Fong approached Henrich and her parents. The Henrichs were shocked, but they were also fiercely resistant, he said.

As long as Henrich was anorexic and bulimic, Fong barred her from his gym. She retired at the end of the

1990 season.

"The family didn't talk about her problem to outsiders until December 1992 when Mrs. Henrich called Kathy Kelly of USA Gymnastics to say they were in 'dire straits, physically as well as financially.'"

Even then, Mrs. Henrich didn't mention the name of the disease. She said Christy was in the hospital, that she weighed less than 70 lbs that they "almost lost her" and that they needed help.

A luncheon benefit was arranged last summer. Kim Zmeskal, Nadia Comaneci and other top gymnasts showed up. So, too, did Vaughn, who was making some progress with Christy.

"At that point in time," Vaughn said, "she made a core choice to live."

Christy had little fight left in her, but on the day of the benefit she was deeply moved by the friends who had gathered.

A few weeks later, Henrich quit working with Vaughn. "Christy was tired," Vaughn said. "She was tired of therapy. She was tired of the hospitalizations, being away from home so long. She was tired of not being a 'normal' person."

In December, Christy told Kelly that she ate no more than an apple a day, sometimes only a slice. Her weight dropped to 52 lbs. Two months ago, a reporter phoned Henrich and asked her how much she weighed. "Well, I threw away my scale," she said weakly. "I didn't weigh myself this morning."

"How much do you think you weigh?"

"Well, I'd say about 65."

"Is there one reason why you have these eating disorders?"

"In the back of my mind," she said after a long pause, "food is still a poison."

"What do you eat, then?"

"Well, I really don't."

Christie continues domination of 100-meter dash in Brussels

BRUSSELS (AP) - Linford Christie continued his regal reign over the 100 meters at Friday's Van Damme Memorial track meet, and Mike Powell and Colin Jackson came within one win of sharing a pot of gold.

In the women's 100, Gwen Torrence snapped the winning streak of Russia's Irina Privalova, who had been unbeatable ever since the US runner edged her at the Goodwill Games.

In the penultimate Golden Four meet, Powell provided the best drama, with a winning come-from-behind jump over compatriot Kareem Streete-Thompson to keep a perfect record in the Golden Four meets alive with only Berlin to come.

Four athletes went into the Van Damme with a shot at gold, but American Derrick Adkins finished only fourth in the 400 meter hurdles and Kenyan Wilson Kipteter was

beaten at the tape by countryman Patrick Konchellah in the 800 meters.

After winning a highly-charged 100 meters in Zurich Wednesday, Britain's Christie reconfirmed his supremacy over Americans Dennis Mitchell and Jon Drummond in a time of 10.03 seconds, even though he was slow out of the blocks.

By tradition almost, the Van Damme was held in damp, windy conditions at the Heysel stadium.

In the women's 100 meters, Torrence ran the second best time of the season in 10.83 seconds.

Jackie Joyner-Kersey won with a jump of 7.11 meters.

In the men's event, the United States' Powell set a mark of 8.58 on his fifth jump to win the event but injured his groin in the process. He has 10 days to recover ahead of Berlin.

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PRIME SPORTS

6.00 European soccer show 7.00 Sailing 7.30 Golf 9.30 Motor racing 10.30 Live supercross 12.30 Mondial 13.00 Live Chinese league soccer 15.30 Motorcycling 18.00 Golf 23.00 Mondial 23.30 Chinese league soccer

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PRIME SPORTS

6.00 Wundersurf 6.30 Baseball '94 7.00 Motorcycling 10.00 Billiards 11.00 Chinese league soccer 13.00 Talking baseball 14.00 Water sports 15.00 PGA golf 17.00 PGA golf 19.00 Billiards 20.00 Talking baseball 20.30 Motorcycling 22.30 PGA golf 1.30 PGA golf

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24

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9.30 Aerobics 10.00 Mountain bike 10.30 Live cycling from Sicily 13.00 Eurogolf 14.00 Live amateur cycling 15.30 Speed world 16.30 Soccer 20.30 Eurosport news 21.00 European tennis 22.00 Athletics 23.00 Boxing 00.00 Soccer 2.00 Eurosport news

PRIME SPORTS

6.00 PGA golf 6.00 PGA golf 10.00 Billiards 11.00 Goodwill games 13.00 Aerobics 15.30 Baseball 14.50 Eurosport's greatest games 16.00 Triflition 17.00 Tennis 18.00 Billiards 20.00 Motorcycling 22.00 Baseball 00.30 Tennis

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9.30 Aerobics 10.00 European tennis magazine 11.00 Eurogolf 12.00 Body building 13.00 European soccer 15.00 European tennis 16.00 Athletics 17.00 Horse racing 18.00 Triflition 19.00 Mountain bike 19.30 Motor racing 20.30 Eurosport news 21.00 Boxing 22.00 Athletics 1.00 Motorcycling magazine 2.00 Eurosport news

PRIME SPORTS

6.00 Tennis 7.30 Water sports magazine 8.00 Baseball 8.00 Blood, sweat and glory 10.00 International motorcycling magazine 11.00 Goodwill games 13.00 Aerobics 13.30 Beach volleyball 15.00 Chinese league soccer

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9.30 Aerobics 10.00 Live cycling from Sicily 14.00 South American soccer 16.00 Athletics 16.00 Leisure sports 18.00 Sailing 19.30 Supernews 22.30 Eurosport news 21.00 Motorcycling magazine 22.00 Motor racing from Australia 23.00 European soccer 00.30 Soccer 2.30 Eurosport news

PRIME SPORTS

6.00 Tennis 7.30 Grand Slam legends 8.30 Chinese league soccer 9.00 Beach volleyball 10.30 Goodwill games 12.30 Polo 14.00 Motorcycling 17.00 Tennis 18.00 Grand Slam legends 20.00 Triflition 21.00 Goodwill games 23.00 Polo 00.30 Tennis

Malcolm's 9-57 puts England on verge of victory

LONDON (Reuter) — Paceman Devon Malcolm's blistering nine for 57 wrecked South Africa's second innings as England moved to within 97 runs of victory in the third and final Test yesterday.

Malcolm's haul, which began when he took three for no runs in his first nine balls, was the sixth best Test bowling performance ever in one innings and it came from a man back in the side after being dropped after one Test against New Zealand earlier in the summer.

Mike Atherton's side, needing 204 for a victory that would leave them all-square at 1-1 in the series, were 107 for one at the close of the third day at The Oval.

Atherton, confirmed as captain for England's two one-day internationals against South Africa next week, was unbeaten on 42 and Graeme Hick was 27 not out after former skipper Graham Gooch had been bowled by Craig Matthews for 33.

Only Darryl Cullinan managed to withstand Malcolm's onslaught, but he went six short of a century caught at slip off Darren Gough, the only wicket of the innings not to fall to Malcolm.

England, who lost the first Test at Lord's and drew the second at Headingley, had earlier added 23 runs to their overnight 281 for seven for a first innings total of 304, 28 runs behind South Africa.

South Africa were all out for 175 after five of their batsmen were out for ducks and only one, Cullinan, had managed a half century.

Malcolm, who returned figures of

Klinsmann scores Tottenham's winner as season kicks off in dramatic fashion

LONDON (Reuter) — German Juergen Klinsmann scored Tottenham's winner in a 4-3 victory at Sheffield Wednesday but was carried off injured in yesterday's dramatic opening day of the English Premier League season, which saw three players dismissed.

Manchester United began their title defense with a 2-0 victory over Queen's Park Rangers, but both sides had a player sent off.

England striker Alan Shearer scored a goal but missed a penalty as Blackburn Rovers, second last season, were held 1-1 at Southampton.

Liverpool began in storming style with a 6-1 thrashing of First Division champions Crystal Palace, while Dutch winger Brian Roy was one of three World Cup stars who scored on their debuts, earning Nottingham Forest a 1-0 win at Ipswich.

Klinsmann, a surprise £2 million close-season signing, was given oxygen after an accidental clash of heads with Des Walker near the end of the game in which he scored an 82nd-minute goal.

Arsenal striker Kevin Campbell had the honor of scoring the first goal of the season after only two minutes as his side beat Manchester City 3-0.

Queen's Park Rangers defender Clive Wilson was the first player sent off after just seven minutes for a professional foul, while United's second-half substitute, defender Paul Parker, was sent off seven minutes after coming on.

Manchester City's German forward Uwe Rosler was the third player to be dismissed for two bookable offenses, victim of a new clampdown on foul play.

Tottenham's spectacular start to the season was blighted by Klinsmann's injury after he had inspired them to victory.

He had a hand in their opening goals from Teddy Sheringham and Darren Anderton, which gave them a 2-0 half-time lead.

Wednesday, however, pulled level with an own-goal and a strike by Romanian debutant Dan Petrescu, before Nick Barmby restored the Spurs' lead and Klinsmann added the fourth with a header.

David Hirst reduced Wednesday's deficit a minute later.

Despite a one-man advantage for most of the first half, Manchester United were held goalless, but Welsh striker Mark Hughes put them ahead with a stunning strike three minutes after the break.

Brian McClair added a second in the 68th minute as United began their campaign for a third successive title.

English football's most expensive



NICE START — Juergen Klinsmann celebrates after scoring the winning goal for Tottenham against hosts Sheffield Wednesday in the opening day of the Premier League yesterday. (AP)

son, gave Palace a torrid welcome back to the top flight, with Ian Rush and Steve McManaman both scoring twice.

Jan Molby scored a penalty and Robbie Fowler added a goal on the stroke of half-time.

Chris Armstrong netted a consolation goal for Palace, who had new striker Andy Proce carried off with an injured back in the first half.

All three Arsenal strikers got on the scoresheet.

Alan Smith and Ian Wright added to Campbell's opening goal with strikes in the 36th and 76th minutes of a one-sided home win over Manchester City.

Debutant strikers enjoyed a productive day, with Chelsea's Paul Furlong scoring in their 2-0 home win against Norwich and John Fashanu getting on the scoresheet in Aston Villa's 2-2 draw at Everton.

Dean Saunders secured a point for Villa with a 74th-minute goal after Graham Stuart and Paul Rideout had twice put Everton ahead.

Klinsmann, who lay motionless following an accidental clash of heads, was believed to have swallowed his tongue, and anxious team mates desperately signaled a stretcher on to the pitch.

Klinsmann's injury was later revealed to be only a badly-cut lip. He needed eight stitches after he punctured his upper lip with his teeth.

"It's no problem. I'm fine," said Klinsmann.

DIVISION TWO — Birmingham 1, Chester 0; Barnsley 1, Blackpool 2; Bradford 2, Leyton Orient 0; Brentford 0, Peterborough 1; Brighton 1, Plymouth 1; Bristol Rovers 3, York 1; Cambridge United 3, Stockport 0; Cardiff 1, Oxford United 3; Crewe 3, Rotherham 1; Huddersfield 0, Wycombe 1; Hull 0, Swans 2; Shrewsbury 2, Wrexham 2.

Premier League — Arsenal 3, Manchester City 0; Chelsea 2, Norwich 0; Coventry 1, Wimbledon 1; Crystal Palace 1, Liverpool 0; Everton 2, Aston Villa 2; Ipswich 0, Nottingham Forest 1; Manchester United 2, Queens Park Rangers 0; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Tottenham 4; Southampton 1, Blackburn 1; West Ham 0, Leeds 0.

Division One — Bolton 0, Bristol City 2; Burnley 1, Stoke 1; Charlton 2, Barnsley 2; Derby 0, Luton 0; Port Vale 3, Oldham 1; Reading 0, Portsmouth 0; Scunthorpe 1, Middlesbrough 2; Sunderland 1, Millwall 1; Tranmere 3, Swindon 2; Watford 0, Grimsby 0.

Division Three — Boreham 1, Northampton 0; Exeter 0, Barry 0; Hartlepool 1, Darlington 0; Hereford 0, Preston 2; Mansfield 2, Colchester 0; Rochdale 4, Chesterfield 1; Scarborough 0, Barnet 1; Scunthorpe 1, Fulham 2; Torquay 1, Carlisle 1; Walsall 2, Lincoln 1; Wigan 0, Gillingham 3.

Division Four — Aldershot 2, Dagenham 0; Dover 0, Maidstone 0; Farnham 0, Woking 0; Havant 0, Basingstoke 0; Hemel Hempstead 0, Slough 0; Hitchin 0, Stevenage 0; Luton 0, Watlington 0; Maidstone 0, Dover 0; Woking 0, Havant 0; Basingstoke 0, Hemel Hempstead 0; Slough 0, Hitchin 0; Stevenage 0, Luton 0; Watlington 0, Maidstone 0; Dover 0, Woking 0; Havant 0, Basingstoke 0; Hemel Hempstead 0, Slough 0; Hitchin 0, Stevenage 0; Luton 0, Watlington 0; Maidstone 0, Dover 0; Woking 0, Havant 0; Basingstoke 0, Hemel Hempstead 0; Slough 0, Hitchin 0; Stevenage 0, Luton 0; Watlington 0, Maidstone 0; Dover 0, Woking 0; Havant 0, Basingstoke 0; Hemel Hempstead 0, Slough 0; Hitchin 0, Stevenage 0; Luton 0, Watlington 0; Maidstone 0, Dover 0; Woking 0, Havant 0; Basingstoke 0, Hemel Hempstead 0; Slough 0, Hitchin 0; Stevenage 0, Luton 0; Watlington 0, Maidstone 0; Dover 0, Woking 0; Havant 0, Basingstoke 0; Hemel Hempstead 0, Slough 0; Hitchin 0, Stevenage 0; Luton 0, Watlington 0; Maidstone 0, Dover 0; 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Don't go to UN, Adi Eldar tells Arab councils

THE chairman of the Union of Local Authorities (ULA), Adi Eldar, last night appealed to Shfarim Mayor Ibrahim Nimr Hussein not to travel to UN institutions in Geneva to press claims of government financial discrimination against local Arab councils.

Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the Forum of Arab Council Heads, had said 10 days ago that the Arab local councils would take such action to outline their plight.

The Forum of Arab Council Heads is seeking the erasure of what they claim is a NIS 200 million deficit, and financing equal to that given to Jewish local councils. Interior Ministry officials say they have met all their commitments to the Arab local councils.

Yesterday Hussein and other members of the Shfarim Local Council held a one-day hunger strike to protest the Arab local councils' financial situation, a problem they said had not yet been solved despite the protest strike heads of Arab local councils have been holding in a tent opposite the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem for more than a month.

Hussein said he had been visited by delegations from many different places, including many Shfarim residents and other Galilee Arabs.

Eldar sent Hussein a telegram in which he said he was in intensive negotiations with the Finance Ministry in a bid to find a solution to end the strike. He is to meet with Finance

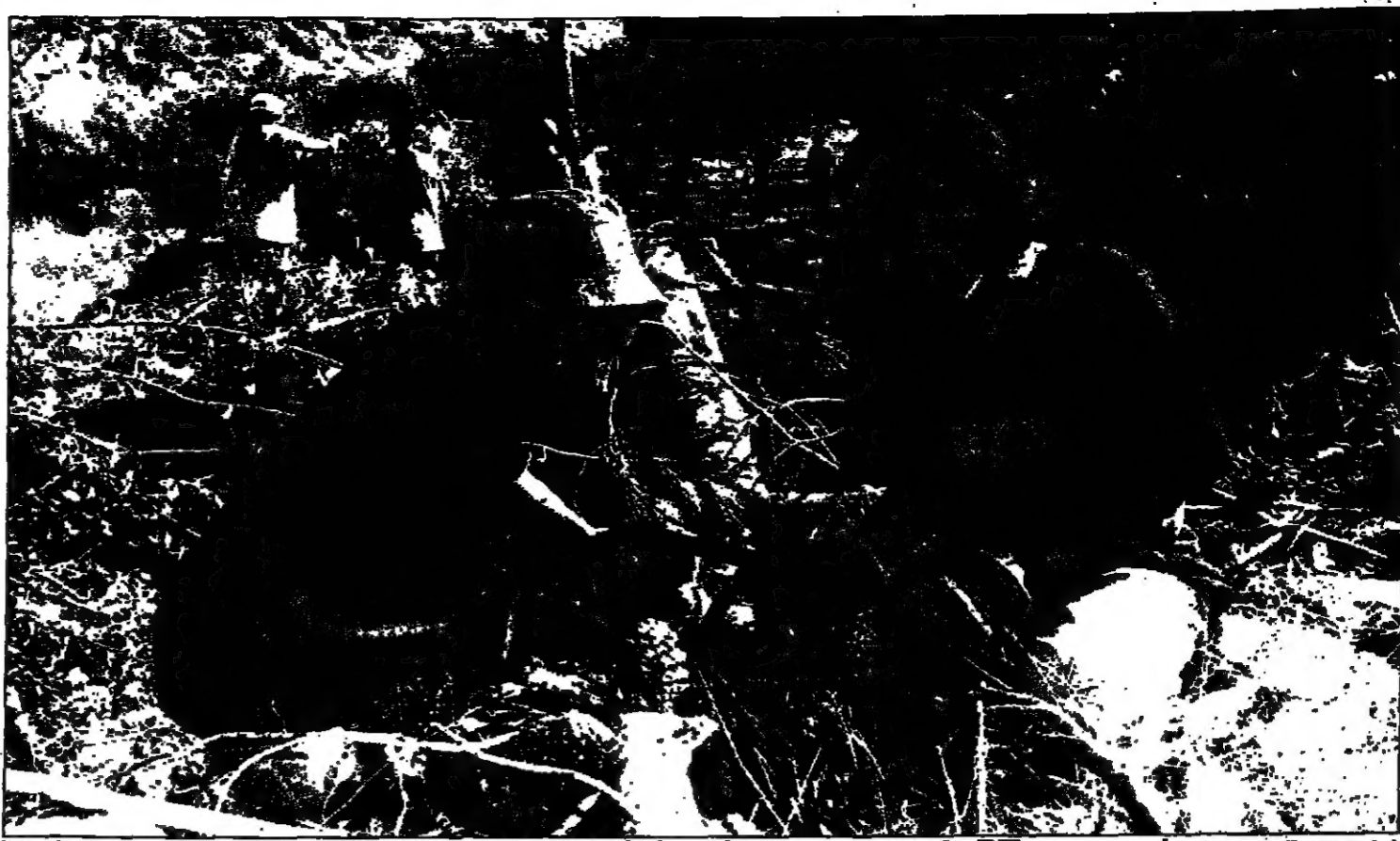
Minister Avraham Shohat and will suggest to him that the amount set aside for the municipalities be for three years rather than for four.

He will also suggest setting up a joint committee to be made up of government representatives and officials from the local councils and headed by a retired judge to look into the implementation of agreements with Arab sector councils.

In a meeting of the ULA on the matter, Eldar said it was inconceivable that every sector act on its own and strike. "As a union of local authorities, we must present one front on all matters," he said. He added that if a framework agreement was reached with the majority of the Arab sector, a minority that was dissatisfied could not drag all the others along with them.

Eldar said the agreement that had been reached was the best achieved so far. "It's true we can't make up the gap of so many years in so little time, but we shouldn't forget that we managed to get an increase of NIS 150 million over the basic increase for four years." He added that he hoped he would be successful in his talks with the Finance Ministry, which would allow the Arab local councils to end their strike.

The Arab local council heads are to meet today in the protest tent to decide what to do next. They plan to hold a protest march in Haifa Tuesday night to press their demands.



Miri Ben Shmuel (left) and Zippy Gottlieb clear brush in the Jerusalem Forest as part of a JNF summer work program. (Joe Malcolm)

Eleven arrested at acid parties

POLICE raided an acid party on Friday night near Rehovot attended by some 150 youths and arrested six people on suspicion of drug dealing.

The party had begun early Friday night and at about 5 a.m. police monitoring the event raided the party, which was being held near the Yavne racetrack.

A drug-sniffing cocker spaniel discovered a large quantity of drugs at the party, including hashish, Ecstasy pills and LSD. Police also found two

guns and several knives among the guests. Some 32 people were questioned by police on suspicion of drug dealing, but most were released.

In another drug raid, undercover police raided an acid party in Jaffa early Friday morning, arresting people on suspicion of being drug dealers and using illegal drugs.

Police arrived at the party and observed guests going outside to buy drugs and then returning to the party. At about 2 a.m. police arrested a

number of people after conducting body searches of the guests and inspecting their cars. Police found Ecstasy tablets and commercial quantities of marijuana.

Those arrested included two 22-year-olds and a 16-year-old from Bat Yam, a 17-year-old from Holon, and a 28-year-old Tel Aviv man. In a search of the Tel Aviv man's home, police found more drugs and also arrested his wife on suspicion of drug dealing. (Itim)

Hadassah clinics on reduced schedule

JUDY SIEGEL

OUTPATIENT clinics and diagnostic institutes at the two Hadassah University Hospitals in Jerusalem will be closed and only emergency operations will be performed for 24 hours starting at 7 a.m. today. Also, workers' assemblies will be held, and the number of doctors in the wards will be significantly cut.

The reduced schedule is being instituted by 700 physicians at the Ein Karem and Mt. Scopus hospitals in protest against a freeze on job slots: 28 doctors who are leaving will not be replaced, putting a greater burden on those who remain.

The joint doctors' union, which has never before carried out institutional sanctions, said hospital occupancy reaches 100 percent and physicians already work very hard.

HMO management, in reaction to the doctors' announcement, said the sanctions were "the wrong act in the wrong time. The doctors received salary increases of more than 50 percent recently, and even before that some of them were very well paid." HMO placed advertisements in Friday's papers advising patients of the expected effects of the sanctions.

Hadassah spokesman Yossi Shoval said all staffers must join in the freeze, which involves 250 to 300 job slots in all sectors over three years and "the doctors' share comprises only about 10% of this."

Lease signed for New York Holocaust Memorial Museum

SUE FISHKOFF

NEW YORK, the city with the world's largest Jewish population, will soon be home to a Holocaust memorial museum.

The New York City Holocaust Memorial Commission, the body charged with developing "A Living Memorial to the Holocaust - Museum of Jewish Heritage," signed a lease on the project last Thursday. Construction will begin this fall in Battery Park at the southern tip of Manhattan.

The 13-year-old project inaugurated by former mayor Ed Koch has been plagued from the beginning by funding difficulties, political bickering, and critics who considered it

redundant in the face of the recently opened, and much larger, US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

The gray, granite museum will cost about \$15 million, according to *The New York Times*. Half the construction costs will come from the Battery Park City Authority, according to the conditions of Thursday's lease. Earlier this year, the project's capital campaign goal was set at \$30 million. According to *The Times*, the commission now has \$10.3 million in cash or pledges, in addition to the \$7.5 million from the Battery Park City Authority.

Equal status for Israel in European Union R&D

ALON PINKAS

FOLLOWING a decision by both France and Britain to withdraw their objections, Israel will receive equal member status in the European Union with respect to industrial research and development issues.

The Anglo-French decision means that Israeli companies will be able to bid in European tenders for research and development of civilian products. Israel would be required to pay an entrance fee of \$30 million to receive this status.

Diplomatic sources said that the decision removes a significant obstacle to Israel's becoming more involved in the European economic sphere. It is also a significant step towards updating and essentially re-

writing Israel's 1975 agreement with the European Union.

French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur informed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of his country's decision to remove its objection to Israel's equal member status. The French decision follows that of Britain, which, in a message from deputy Foreign Minister Douglas Hogg to Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, notified Israel that it was changing its stance on the issue.

Beilin had asked for a change in London's policy in a meeting last May with British Foreign Minister Douglas Hogg. Following that meeting, Britain also decided to lift its arms embargo, imposed on Israel in 1982, during the war in Lebanon.

Namir's surgeon to operate here

THE renowned Yugoslav-born neurosurgeon who successfully operated on Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir will perform two or three operations per day this week at Ichilov Hospital.

The Tel Aviv hospital has announced that Prof. Vinco Dolenz,

who works in Switzerland and specializes in tumors of the lower brain, will arrive today and remain here for a week. He will perform surgery on patients specially chosen by the health funds and a team from Ichilov's neurosurgery department, headed by Prof. George Vaknin.

Three killed on roads

THREE people were killed and 20 injured in weekend road accidents. Igor Yosiopov, 26, of Zichron Ya'acov was killed on the Coastal Highway, and two passengers were lightly injured around 3 a.m. near Moshav Bitan Akaron. Yosiopov's car hit the guard rail and he was thrown from the vehicle. David Lasert, 42, of Ma'alot was killed

and three people were seriously injured Friday night when a commercial vehicle swerved into his car near the Kabri junction. Friday afternoon, Eli Mizrahi, 36, was killed and five people, including his wife, Dina, were injured at the Givon Junction north of Jerusalem when Mizrahi swerved into an oncoming car. (Itim)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy dies after being buried in sand

An eight-year-old boy died on Friday morning after being buried alive in a sand pile at a factory near Jerusalem.

Police said the boy went to work with his father at an industrial area near A-Ram village, north of Jerusalem. Apparently, he began playing in a sand pile when a truck came and dumped more earth on the pile, covering the boy. The boy was dead by the time he was pulled out the sand. Police and Labor and Social Affairs Ministry inspectors arrived at the scene to investigate. (Itim)

Man drowns near Nahariya

A Nahariya man drowned off Betzet Beach in the Western Galilee on Friday morning. The body of Yitzhak Baigel, 62, was found in the afternoon.

Police said he had been missing since Friday morning and other swimmers reported seeing his body wash ashore. (Itim)

Body of immigrant found in field

The body of Yehayahu Boutja, 36, was found yesterday in a field near the Kiryat Gat Stadium. Police said the man, an Ethiopian immigrant, was known to be an alcoholic, and they suspect he died after drinking too much. But they said they were not ruling out other causes of death and were continuing to investigate the incident. (Itim)

Tel Aviv youth stabbed in nightclub

A Tel Aviv youth was stabbed in the stomach and moderately wounded during a quarrel that broke out outside a nightclub on Friday night. Alon Torati, 20, was brought to Ichilov Hospital where he underwent surgery. Doctors said he would recover.

Torati told police at the hospital that while watching a fight going on he was suddenly stabbed. He said he did not know the attacker. Police said they believe Torati was withholding information about the incident. (Itim)

Alzheimer's awareness day today

The first World Alzheimer's Day will be held today to increase awareness of the dementia that affects about 15 million people around the globe.

Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) and the World Health Organization, which declared the event, is holding its 10th international conference on this disease in Scotland this week. "The event is aimed at putting this disease on the public agenda and giving help and hope to families who have to cope with it," said ADI president Jasmine Agan-Khan, whose mother - the legendary actress Rita Hayworth - died of Alzheimer's.

Winning cards

In Friday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, queen of hearts, nine of diamonds and seven of clubs.

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Members of the Public Association for the Libi Fund met this week at the Defense Ministry, to hear a report on the Libi balance sheet for 1993.

Aluf (Res.) Danny Matt, the Libi Fund Chairman, stated that, in 1993, the Libi Fund transferred some NIS 10 m. to the Education Corps, to finance basic education courses and trade training for thousands of soldiers with inadequate education, Hebrew language training for new immigrant soldiers, and educational courses for NGOs and officers.

Another NIS 4 m. was allocated for the purchase of modern medical equipment, the setting up of medical installations, and for various projects for number corps.

In addition, there has been a continuous increase in the number of donors to Libi, an increase of 40% in the years 1989-1993.



From right to left: Prof. Sara Barner, Mrs. Dvora Rejwan, Mrs. Nativ Matt and Sgt.-Aluf Dvora Finat.

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